ode Island Monthly Mtg
Minutes
mo 1844 — 11th mo 1863
RLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND Y M.

Wilburite

No. 102.42.1 (m) 1

Rhode Island Monthly Mtg Men Minutes

11th mo 1844— 11th mo 1863

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Item
#225

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2023 with funding from
Boston Library Consortium Member Libraries

https://archive.org/details/minutesmen9025rhod

R.I. Monthly Meeting
of Friends
Eleventh Mo. 1844-11-1863.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 28th of 11th month 1844.

The account from Newport Preparative Meeting, being received, the representatives therein named are John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver, who being called are present.

From Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, we have received no account at this time, in consequence of a spirit of insubordination which sorrowfully prevails therein.

The person who has for several years acted as clerk of this meeting, having separated himself from Friends at our last Quarterly Meeting (with many other disaffected members) and at this time taken possession of our usual meeting room, with a guard placed at the door, who have not allowed us, or the Quarterly Meeting's Committee to enter; we have appointed George W. Carr, clerk for the day, or until another appointment.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our friends Nathan Buffinton, Thomas Foster, John S. Kenyon, Israel Buffinton and Charles Perry, they produced the following minute of their appointment, which being read was united with and directed to be recorded. viz.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11th mo. 7th. 1844

It is concluded by this meeting to appoint Obmid Foster John Mitchell, Israel Buffinton Henry Gould, William Slade Oliver Chase Nathan Buffinton Thomas Wilbur John S. Kenyon Charles Perry and Thomas Foster; a committee to attend the subordinate meetings hereto belonging — acting therein on our behalf as circumstances may seem to require and way open for — advising and assisting Friends in the transaction of their business, according to Discipline and good order; and report to our next meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of said meeting, by

Thomas Wilbur Clerk

This meeting having been forcibly excluded from its meeting room (as above); in consequence of the uncomfortable state of that which we now occupy it is concluded to adjourn, to meet again at the house of our friend Henry Gould in Newport at 2 o'clock this afternoon.—

Afternoon. Friends met according to adjournment, the representatives and the Quarterly Meeting's Committee being present as in the morning.

The case of Thomas B. Gould coming before this meeting and claiming our serious consideration; and it appearing to us that he had been laid under dealing in an unjust irregular and arbitrary manner, and without the intervention of the Preparative Meeting, by those who have for a long time past assumed the control of the affairs of the church in this Monthly Meeting— and who have now separated themselves from us, thereby identifying themselves with the schism in our last Quarterly Meeting, and the Monthly Meeting of Swansey — and have taken with them the records and papers of this Monthly Meeting; it was therefore thought best for the purpose of gaining the fullest information of the case, as both the committee and overseers who have treated with him have gone off in this separation, to call him into this meeting, and hear his statement of the manner in which they have proceeded with him; — which being done, it appears that the Committee whom they appointed to visit him never would even allow him to see the complaint, or a copy of it which they entered on the minutes; and it further appears therefrom, and also as being within the knowledge of several members of this meeting, who have expressed themselves on the subject, that the occasion which they took against him — originated solely in his frequent testimonies against the support and countenance which his accusers and opposers had given to a certain author of unsound Doctrine, and the disorderly practices which followed their identification with him and his unsound writings and that he has been a fellow sufferer with us in bearing such testimony as we believe to have been required of us against the same. Therefore we in conjunction with the womens meeting are unitedly of the sense and judgment that this case should be dismissed, and that he be restored to all the rights and privileges as a member of our religious Society, of which he has been thus improperly deprived, since the second

month last; and he is accordingly restored; all the members of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee who are now with us uniting therein. —

The subject of the appointment of overseers, claiming our attention at this time, in consequence of those who have stood in that station having separated themselves from our religious Society, we appoint John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver to that service for the year ensuing, or until another appointment: and they are requested and authorized to give such attention to our rights of property, as way may open for, and to report to a future meeting. —

We appoint Benoni Weaver and John Mitchell to propose to our next monthly Meeting, the name of some friend to serve this meeting as clerk for the ensuing year.

The very peculiar and trying circumstances under which Friends of Newport particular meeting have been laboring for some time in consequence of the ascendency of disaffected members therein and their assuming the entire control of it; — coming under consideration, and we having been at this time forcibly prevented from entering our usual meeting room by them, which sufficiently demonstrates their desolation in principle and practice; it is the solid sense and judgment of this meeting and of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, that the time has fully come for Friends of Newport to hold their meetings for worship apart from those people, and accordingly it is unanimously agreed that they be held until a different arrangement can be made at the house of our friend Thomas B. Gould, at the usual hours of eleven and three o'clock on the first day of each week, and at eleven o'clock on the morning of the fifth day — the preparative meeting to be also held there at the close of the public meeting for worship on the fifth ~~day~~ next preceding the Monthly Meeting in each month as heretofore: in all which the women's meeting, having been consulted, unites. —

We appoint John Mitchell and Henry Gould to call on the person who has formerly acted as clerk and treasurer of this meeting, (he having separated himself from friends) for the books and papers belonging thereto, and also for the funds which he may have in his hands: and they are requested to report their attention to the case, and to propose the name of

some Friend for Treasurer at our next Monthly Meeting.

We appoint George W. Carr to take the necessary care of our meeting house and burial grounds at Jamestown.

In consequence of our meeting house in Portsmouth being at present in the posession and under the control of those disaffected and disorderly persons who have repeatedly subjected Friends to much inconvenience and suffering as it regards the right holding of their religious meetings, and in respect of their Christian testimony — to the abridgement of our rights and privileges individually as guaranted to all by our Discipline, and the good order of our Society; it is concluded with the advice of the Quarterly Meting's Committee and the concurrence of the women's meeting to hold our next Monthly Meeting, at the usual time, the last fifth day in next month, at the house of William Boyd in Portsmouth — the meeting for worship to commence there at eleven o'clock, as heretofore: not however intending thereby to relinquish our just claim to either of our meeting houses, or to any of the property of this meeting, but to prevent those who have gone out from Friends, but who still keep posession of their property from disturbing the solemnity of our religious meetings by such unseemly and intolerant acts as we have lately witnessed, to our great grief and the stumbling of many soberly inclined and seeking people who have frequented them. —

Having been favored to transact the business which has come before us in harmony, we adjourn, proposing to meet again next month at the time and place agreed upon as by the previous minute.

George W. Carr Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 2d day, 12th mo. 1844.

By the account from Nine Preparative Meeting representatives are Benoni Weaver and John Mitchell, who being called were present.

We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our friends Obed Chase & Israel Buffington of the Quarterly Meeting's committee — as will be seen by reference to the minute of their appointment which was presented and recorded last month. —

John Mitchell on behalf of the committee for the purpose proposed the name of Thomas B. Gould for clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment, which being fully united with he was appointed accordingly.

Henry Gould on behalf of the committee for the purposes mentioned in the minute of last month, reported that they had not yet opened for them to call on the person having possession of the Records and Funds of this meeting: but proposed the name of John Mitchell for Treasurer; which being united with, he was appointed to that service for the year ensuing, or until another appointment, and they are requested to continue their attention to the other matters committed to them, and report to next Monthly Meeting.

Information having been received, from the women's meeting, that Hannah Hall had requested to become a member of our religious Society: — We appoint Henry Gould, John Mitchell and Thomas B. Gould to take a solid opportunity with her, in conjunction with such women friends as may be appointed, upon the subject of her request: and report to next Monthly Meeting. —

The state of disorderliness which Dartmouth Preparative Meeting manifestly appears to be in, by their continuing to omit making a report of their state to this meeting, — claims our serious consideration, but may not opening in the minds of Friends to appoint a committee to visit that meeting at this time, the subject is referred to the next Monthly Meeting.

In prospect of making some addition to the stock in trading, coming under consideration and being solidly deliberated upon; we have concluded to appoint Benoni Weaver and George H. Hare, to unite with such friends as may be appointed by the women's meeting, in preparing to recommend Monthly Meeting the names of some friends for the station of Elder, if any should open freit.

Having been favored to transact the business which has come before us to a good degree of satisfaction; we conclude, by consent to meet again at the usual time, next month at the house of Thomas B. Gould in Bristol.

Thos. B. Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 30th of 1st mo. 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the above mentioned are George H. Hare and Benoni Weaver, — who being called were present.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friend Isaac Burlington a member of the Quarterly Meeting Committee.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the first, second, and tenth, which were directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by our friends John Mitchell, Thomas Rodman and Benoni Weaver, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee appointed to settle the persons who have formerly acted as clerk of this meeting, not being ready to report; the subject is continued another month under their care.

The following report of the committee appointed to visit Hannah Tall having been produced to the women's meeting with the information that they had concluded to unite it and admit her into membership with us; it was read in this meeting and mutually considered and being fully united with she was accordingly received a member of our religious society.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed to visit Hannah Tall in consequence of her request to become a member of our religious Society, report:—

Should we have any other opportunity with us, I am sure of your
[illegible] and we would recommend that it will be right to receive him
into membership; which we submit to the meeting.

(Signed) On behalf of the committee

Peter Mitchell

Newport 2nd of 10th mo. 1843 — Thomas B. Gould

The consideration of Richmond Affairs coming
again under consideration by reason [illegible] and
not having received any satisfactory answer at this time, and nothing
having been presented in this meeting for the last three months — after
[illegible] and some time spent in deliberating for it is concluded that
a committee [illegible] was appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting there

This committee for the purpose, proposed the appointment of
Mitchell to the station of elder, which being fully united with by this meeting
a minute [illegible] the new appointment to that station
Subject is [illegible] to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting for its decision.

We have also united with the women's meeting in the appointment
of Catharine Mitchell to the same station.

Information having been received that [illegible] Quarterly
Meeting of ministering women in Canada [illegible] by the appointment
committee that meeting should be held for the present at the house of George
Mifflin; and we appoint John Mitchell, Samuel Hicks, [illegible]
Gould a committee to visit Somerton Meeting, to unite with such
women friends as may be appointed, and as may [illegible] for it, and
report to a future meeting.

It is concluded to omit [illegible] of the Quarterly meeting, &
hold our Monthly Meetings for the next three months, to such different
arrangement can be made, at the houses of our friends Wm. Hazard's
[illegible] of Wm. Mifflin in Newport, as we have heretofore done by the minutes
of this committee; — [illegible] having satisfactorily concluded the business which
has come before us, we adjourn, purposing to meet again at the usual
time and place, to attend accordingly —

Thomas B. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Portsmouth 27th of 2d Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Benoni Weaver & John Mitchell, who, being called, were present.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Ethan Foster Charles Perry and Israel Buffington of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, who produced a minute from the Quarterly Meeting, which was read, & as is as follows. viz.

"The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to visit the subordinate meetings belonging, presented the following report (—) which was accepted; and the Committee with the addition of Isaac Fish, Ethan Foster, and Palmer Chase are continued for further service; and desired to extend such care in the further discharge of their duties, as best Wisdom may direct, and report from time to time as circumstances may require, and way open for.

Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Providence 2d Mo 6th 1845 (signed)

Thos. Wilbur Clerk

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that two of them attended and that the Quarterly Meeting stands adjourned to meet again in Providence on the sixth of next month at the eleventh hour in the morning.

The Committee for the purpose reported attention to the books and papers of this meeting, but that the person in whose possession they now are wholly declined delivering them; whereupon with the addition of George W. Carr they are continued and requested to pay such further attention thereto, as may appear to them best, and to report to a future meeting.

It appearing by the report of our representatives that the Quarterly meeting had concluded to leave the subject of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting with us: - after deliberation thereon, we have concluded to refer it for further consideration to another month.

The following minute from the Quarterly Meeting was received and read, viz.—

"Whereas several of our Monthly Meetings express in their accounts, desires of holding their Monthly Meetings at such places, as circumstances & convenience seem to demand — It is therefore concluded

to leave said Monthly Meetings at liberty to hold their meetings as
may appear to them best, under the advice and direction of the Quarter-
ly Meeting's Committee, until our ~~next~~ meeting in the 5th month next.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
held in Providence 2d Month 6th 1845. (Signed)

Thos. Wilbur Clerk

And it is accordingly concluded to hold our monthly meetings, as
proposed by the minute of last month; and having transacted the business
which has come before us, satisfactorily, we conclude, proposing to meet
again at the usual time and place next month.

Thomas B. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Newport 27th of 3d month 1845

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the
the representatives are Thomas B. Gould and John Mitchell, who are
present.

One of our representatives reported that the Quarterly Meeting
was held according to adjournment and to good satisfaction.

The insubordination of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting
was again considered, and the subject is referred to another month.

Having gone through the business which has come before us,
we conclude to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Thos. B. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Portsmouth 24th of 4th Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives
are Benoni Weaver, and John Mitchell who being called were present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers
to the first second and tenth, which we forward with a copy of this minute
to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends George W. Carr, John
Mitchell, and Benoni Weaver, whom we appoint our representatives.

We have also received at this time from Newport Preparative
Meeting, the following application of Thomas P. Nichols, to the Yearly

Meeting for a reconsideration of its decision made last year in his case of appeal, which was united with and directed to be forwarded by a copy of this minute with our account to the Quarterly Meeting. Nos.

To Newport Preparative Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Having a sincere desire to be restored to the right of membership of which I consider myself unjustly deprived — I hereby request you to forward through the intermediate meetings my application to the Yearly Mtg for a reconsideration of its decision in my case of appeal last year —

Thos. S. Nichols

Newport 4th mo 17th 1845

The case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting coming again before us at this time, and being seriously considered, it was concluded to refer the subject until the seventh Month next.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of two of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee.

Having concluded the business which has come before us, we propose to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

George W. Carry Assistant Clk

At a Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 29th of 5th Month 1845

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and George W. Carry, who are present.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends Oliver Chase and Isaac Fish of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee — the minute of whose appointment was read and recorded in the second month last.

Our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended (except one) for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

They inform that the Quarterly Meeting extends the liberty granted to the respective Monthly Meetings, as expressed by its minute of the second month last, to hold them according to the present arrangement until the eighth month next, under the advice of its committee.

The difficulties which public travelling Friends may meet with under our present peculiar circumstances and trials, coming under consideration — it was concluded to appoint John Mitchell Thomas B. Gould & George W. Carry a committee to confer them (and others) — particularly at the time of the ensuing Yearly Meeting — such assistance as may appear needful to support their expenses to this meeting —

We have concurred with the women's meeting in the reception of a certificate, which was presented and read at this time from Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, on behalf of Lydia Foster Nichols, who has removed to live with her husband Thomas P. Nichols within our limits.

The business which has come before us, having been satisfactorily brought to a close, we conclude to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Thomas B. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 26th of Sixth Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Benoni Weaver & Thomas B. Gould, whose names being called, they were present.

There not appearing to be any further business, we conclude, proposing to meet again at the usual time (and place) next month.

Tho. B. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 31st of 7th Mo. 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting are Benoni Weaver and Thomas P. Nichols: who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth, which with a copy of this minute, we forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, by our friends George H. Carr, Thomas P. Nichols & Benoni Weaver, whom we appoint our representatives.

The case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting coming again under consideration, by reference from the 4th Month last; it was concluded to appoint Henry Gould, John Mitchell and Thomas P. Nichols to unite with a committee of the women's meeting, in conferring with the members of that meeting, as way may open for it, and report whether, in their judgment, it will be to the reputation of our Society that it should be continued, together with the particular meeting for worship at Portsmouth or Sevenby.

Moses B. Bassington having removed to live within the limits of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and a certificate being requested for himself and family — Thomas P. Nichols and Benoni Weaver are appointed to unite with a committee of the women's meeting (if they should appoint one)

in preparing one if there is no obstruction, and to present it to our next Monthly Meeting.—

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting was received and read at this time, viz;

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island from the 15th of the Sixth month to the 23d of the same, inclusive 1845.—

"A minute has at this time been received from Rhode Island Quarterly Mtg., proposing that the places of holding that Quarterly Mtg. should be changed from Portsmouth to Newport in the eighth month & from Somerset to Fall River in the 4th month,—to be held at the same times as heretofore; which proposition having claimed our deliberate consideration, we unite therewith; and direct that meeting to convene accordingly in the 8th & 4th months; and in order that suitable accommodations may be seasonably provided for our mtg. houses at those places respectively, being now in the possession of the Separatists the clerk is directed to furnish R. Island & Swanzey Mo. Mtgs with a copy of this minute; and they are requested to make such temporary provision therefor, as they may think necessary, until more permanent arrangements can be made; to all which we have the concurrence of the women's meeting." Extracted from the Minutes, Thos B. Gould Clerk.

whereupon Thos. S. Michael & John Mitchell are appointed to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the ensuing Qr. Meeting, and requested to report to this Meeting when accomplished.—

The subject having been introduced, in a weighty and feeling manner, by a member of the Select Meeting, and on their behalf:— after a time of solid deliberation, this meeting has united with them in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Thomas B. Gould— in which we have the full concurrence of the women's meeting.— The subject was directed to be forwarded in our account to the Quarterly Meeting for its determination, and the assistant clerk is requested on this occasion to sign the same on our behalf, together with the record of our proceedings at this time.—

No further business being introduced at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time and place next month, under the direction of the Quarterly Meeting—

George W. Carr Assist't Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 28th of Eighth Month 1845—

The account from Newport Preparative Meeting informs that Henry Gould and Lucy Ware are its representatives, who are both present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended,—(and that said Meeting extended to us the liberty of holding our Monthly Meetings at the same times and places as heretofore during the ensuing three months. Of which liberty we avail ourselves and conclude to hold our meetings accordingly, having the concurrence of the women herein.

The committee on the subject of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting stated that they have paid some attention thereto, but are not prepared to report. The subject is therefore continued under their care.

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate of removal for Mary B. Buffinton and her children, if no obstruction appeared, presented one, which being read in this meeting, and fully united with, both here and in the women's meeting, was directed to be signed by the clerks and forwarded.

The following extract from the Minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting transmitting the extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was received at this time, and both being read, the clerk is directed to enter them upon our records.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 7th of 8th Month, 1845.

We have at this time received the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, reversing its former decision in the case of Thomas P. Nichols and restoring him to his right of membership in Society, which is directed to be recorded, and forwarded to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, to be also placed upon their records.

Extracted from the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, by

Charles Penn, Assistant Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in Rhode Island from the 15th of the Sixth Month to the 23d of the same inclusive 1845.

The Committee appointed in the case of Thomas P. Nichols, made the following report, to wit——— which having been fully united with is directed to be recorded, and the former judgment of the Yearly Meeting

in his case is unusual, it having been recorded in the same manner as the case of John Wilbur) and he is restored to all his rights as a member of our Religious Society and are appointed to inform him of the conclusion of this meeting, in which we have the unity of our women's meeting feelingly and fully expressed, and the Friends above named are requested to invite him to take his seat in this meeting

"From the minutes of said Meeting

Thomas B. Gould Clerk"

The committee appointed last month to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting reported that nothing had been needed to the service; & the expense amounting to three dollars and twenty five cents was defrayed by a collection taken at the close of the meeting.

It is concluded that after the present month our meetings for worship be held at eleven o'clock A.M. and 3 o'clock P.M. on first days, & at eleven o'clock in the forenoon on fifth days, at the usual place in Newport — and that the meeting for worship at Jamestown be continued the same as usual, on first days, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon — In all which we have the concurrence of the women's meeting.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of one of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee. —

No further business coming before us at this time, we concluded to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

George W. Carr Assist. Clk.

At a Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 25th. of Ninth Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives in Rhode Island from John Wilbur's are present.

The Committee in the case of Falmouth Preparative Meeting not being prepared to report, the subject is continued another month under their care. —

The Committee appointed in the 8th month last to have a care of the books and records of this meeting (now in possession of the separatists), are united to call on the person who formerly acted as recorder of this meeting, for such as are now in his possession — desiring an immediate

the same to Thomas S. Nichols whom we appoint recorder — one who is authorized in the event of a refusal by the former recorder to deliver our books and records, to procure three suitable books, for the use of this meeting while we are thus deprived of our property — and report the expense to our next Monthly Meeting.

The business which came before us having been brought to a close, we conclude to meet again at the usual time next month.

Thos. W. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 30th of Tenth Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting we are informed that Henry Gould and Benoni Weaver as their representatives to this meeting were being called were present.

We have received answers to the Queries from Newport Preparative Meeting which we consider descriptive of our present state, and which we forward with a copy of this minute to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Peleg Mitchell Benoni Weaver and Henry Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee in the case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting having prepared the subject being referred another month — it was referred accordingly under their care.

The committee to call upon Job Sherman the former recorder of this meeting for the books and papers thereof reported that they did so, but that he wholly refused to deliver them. The meeting was also informed that three suitable books had been procured by the recorder which cost Three Dollars and eighty four cents, and a collection was thereupon taken sufficient to pay the expense.

No further business being presented we conclude — to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Thos. W. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 27th of 11th mo. 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting, the representatives are Thomas Peirce and John Mitchell, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meetings appointed have been attended.

The committee in the case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting, not being prepared to make a final report, the subject is continued another month under their care.

The business which has come before us, being disposed of we conclude, proposing to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Tho. B. Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 25th of 12th Month 1845.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver, who were appointed, they are present.

The Committee in the case of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting report having given some attention thereto, but request that an addition should be made to their number, — whereupon Thos. B. Gould & Benoni Weaver were added to the committee — the subject is referred to the 3d Month meeting, and they are left at liberty to ask the advice & assistance of the Quarterly Meeting's committee in relation to that case.

The time for which the persons of this Meeting were appointed, having expired, Benoni Weaver & John Mitchell, are reappointed to that service for the year ensuing, or until another appointment, in conformity with a proposition to that effect from Newport Preparative Meeting.

The time for which the clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired, John Mitchell & Benoni Weaver were appointed to confer with some suitable friend for the service, & requested to report to our next Monthly Meeting.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of one of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired John Mitchell & Benoni Weaver were appointed to propose the name of some suitable Friend for the service, & are requested to report to our next meeting.

No further business having been presented, we conclude to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Thos. B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 29 of 1st mo 1846. By the account from Newport preparative mee. the representatives are Benoni Weaver & Thos. P Nichols, who are present. The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second & tenth from Newport preparative meeting, which without reference to those who have separated themselves from as we believe to be descriptive of our present state, & which we forward (with a copy of this minute) to the ensuering Quarterly Mee. by George W Carr, Benoni Weaver & Thos. B Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

The com. for the purpose reported having paid some attention to the subject but are not prepared to propose any name for clerk at this time.

The case is refered for another month in order this care.

No further business was presented, & we conclude, to meet again at the usual time & place next month

Thos B Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Mo. Mtg. of Friends held at Portsmouth the 26th of 2nd mo 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell & Benoni Wearn who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly mtg. reported that they all attended except one, who was prevented by indisposition; & informed the Quarterly mtg. had concluded to raise the sum of 150 dollars & requested the different monthly meetings to enter into a free subscription towards that sum & forward the amount thereof to the Quarterly meetings treasurer previous to the fifth month next; whereupon Thos. B Gould & Thos P Nichols are appointed to call upon Friends who are requested to subscribe in their freedom, to report to our next monthly meeting.

The committee appointed last 12th mo. to confer with some Friend to serve this meeting as clerk, proposed the name of Thos P Nichols, which being fully united with he is accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment; & the books & papers left in the possession of this mtg. since the separation were at this time delivered into his hands.

Newport Preparative Mtg having informed that Levi Chace requests to become a member of our society — we appoint Henry Gould, John Mitchell, and Thos. B Gould to take a solid opportunity with him on that subject, in conjunction with a comm. of the womens meeting, if they should appoint one, and report to this meeting next month.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport 26 of 3rd mo 1846.

By the account from Newport preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould & John Mitchell who are present.

We have received the following minute at this time from the Quarterly meting communicating the same information as was verbally received from the representatives at our last monthly meeting, and the committee then appointed report they have collected the sum of twenty five dollars which they are directed to pay to our treasurer who is requested to forward the same to the treasurer of the Quarterly meeting.

The com. in the case of Portsmouth preparative meeting which was refered from 12 mo. last informed that they had given some attention to the subject but were not prepared to make a final report, & requested that it should be continued one month longer, which was united with & they are requested to report to our next Monthly Meeting.

The com. appointed last month on the subject of Levi Chases' request, presented the following report viz.

To Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends next to be held at Newport.

Dear Friends. We your com. appointed to confer with Levi Chase upon the subject of his request report — that in conformity with our appointment we have had several opportunities with him to good satisfaction & are united in judgment he has been rightly convinced of our principles & that it will be safe to admit him as a member of our religious society. Which we submit to the meeting.

Newport 25. 3 mo 1846

Signed

Henry Gould
Signed John Mitchell
Thos B Gould.

which after a time of solid deliberation this meeting concludes to accept & the womens meeting fully uniting therein he is accordingly admitted a member of our religious society.
No further business being presented we conclude to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Thos. P. Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 30th of 4th mo 1846.
The representatives named in the account from Newport preperative meeting are George W Carr & John Mitchell, only one of whom is present.
The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers, which except the tenth, without reference to those who have separated from us, we consider descriptive of our present state, & forward to the Quarterly Meting with a copy of this minute by our Friends Henry Gould, Benoni Weaver & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives
The committee in the case of Portsmouth Preperative meeting presented the following report viz.

— To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends. —

— Dear Friends. We your com. appointed in the 7th & 12th month last in consequence of the insubordination of Portsmouth preperative Meeting to compare with the members thereof &c. report, — that we have given deliberate attention to the subject, part of our number both male & female have attempted to visit that meeting & therein to labor for their restoration to good order & sound principles, which our women friends had some opportunity to do

before they were compelled to leave the house, but the male members of the committee were not allowed to enter the meeting for business, by the men locking themselves in who also refused to render any account of themselves according to discipline & to receive our labors of love.

We are united in judgment that they are not in a state to hold either preparative or meetings for worship either at Portsmouth or Tiverton, all of the members of the latter meeting so far as appears having identified themselves with the separatists — and as those members of Portsmouth meeting who have remained with Friends have manifested a desire to be attached to Newport preparative meeting, we believe it will be best to dissolve that meeting & annex them accordingly, & also to suspend at least for the present the particular meetings of Portsmouth & Tiverton. All which we submit to the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the committee John Mitchell
Abagail Gould.

which is accepted, but in view of the importance of the measures therein proposed it is concluded to defer action upon it until our next monthly meeting.

The state of said preparative meeting being under consideration & it appearing that nearly all the members thereof having separated themselves from our religious society & taken exclusive possession of our meeting house there we have concluded to propose to the Quarterly Meeting to request the Yearly Meeting's consideration of that paragraph of our discipline which requires publick meetings to be held there on the first day of the Yearly Meeting week.

No further business was presented. We conclude to meet at the usual time & place next month. Thos. P. Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 28th of 5 mo. 1846.

By the account from Newport preparative meeting the representatives are Benoni Weaver and Thomas P Nichols who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Mee. reported that they all attended except one.

The case of Portsmouth Preparative meeting coming before us by reference from last month: after a time of solid deliberation we have concluded to dissolve said meeting & attach the members thereof to Newport Preperative meeting.

The remainder of the Committee report we refer to our next Monthly meeting, In all of which we have the concurrence of the Womens Meeting.

We have concurred with the Womens meeting in the reception of a certificate now presented & read on behalf of Mary Ecroyd, from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Phila. (Pa) for the Northern district.

We have received the following extract from the records of the meeting for Sufferings Viz,

"At a meeting for Sufferings held at Fall River 5th mo. 8th 1846

"The subject of making provision for our approaching Yearly Meeting coming before us at this time it is concluded to appoint our Friends Israel Buffington, Amos C Wilbur, Nathan Buffington, Thos. P Nichols, & Benjamin Tucker to take the necessary care therein, & Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is requested to lend its aid as heretofore.

The committee is authorized to draw on the Yearly meetings Treasurer for the expense thereof.

The clerk is requested to furnish Rhode Island Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute."

And John Mitchell George W Carr Thos. B Gould, Benoni Weaver & Levi Chase are appointed to operate on behalf of this meeting with the committee therein named in making the necessary provision.

George C Kenyon of Providence Monthly Meeting & Mary Earoyd appeared in this meeting & informed Friends of their intention of marriage with each other. Their proposal was duly noticed & they were requested to wait until our next monthly meeting for an answer.

As no further business is presented we conclude to meet at the usual time & place next month.

Thomas P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 25th of 6 mo 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell & Levi Chase who are both present.

The clerk being absent Thos. B Gould is appointed Clerk for the day.

The proposition made in the report of the committee who have had the subject under care to suspend the particular meetings of Portsmouth and Tiverton, coming again before us, and being solidly considered, those meetings are accordingly discontinued until the further action of this meeting in this case & their members are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

The committee appointed to cooperate with a com. of the meeting for Sufferings in making provision for the Yearly Meeting, inform that they have attended to the subject but are not ready to make a full report. They are therefore continued & requested to

to report to this meeting next month.

George C Hengen produced at this time the certificate of Providence Monthly Meeting both of his membership & clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary Ecroyd; and he also having the consent of his surviving parent, they are left at liberty to solemnize their marriage agreeably to the good order established amongst us. — Henry Gould & John Mitchell are appointed to see that it is orderly conducted, the certificate delivered to the recorder, and requested to report to our next monthly meeting.

No other business being presented we conclude — to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Thos B Gould Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport 30th of 7mo 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative mee. the representatives are Levi Chase & Benoni Weaver who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual three, which without reference to those who have separated from us, we consider descriptive of our present state, & forward to the coming Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Thomas B Gould, Benoni Weaver & John Mitchell whom we appoint our representatives.

The committe appointed in the 5th mont to assist in making provision for the Yearly meeting, report they have paid the necessary attention to the subject of their appointment.

The committee appointed last month to oversee the marriage of George C Hengen with Mary Ecroyd report, that it was accomplished in an orderly manner

and the certificate delivered to the recorder.

John Mitchell Benoni Wear & Thos. P Nichols are appointed to make the necessary provisions for the approaching Quarterly Meting, & directed to report to this meeting when accomplished.

No further business coming before us, we conclude to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Thomas P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meting of Friends held at Portsmouth the 27th of 8th mo 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative mee. the representatives are John Mitchell & Levi Chase who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended.

The committe appointed last month to make provision for the Quarterly meting presented the following report viz -

To Rhode Island Monthly meting of Friends next to be held at Portsmouth.

Dear Friends - We your committee appointed to make provision for the last Quarterly meeting, report that we attended to the subject of our appointment - the expense thereof is six dollars -- which we submit to the meeting.

On behalf of the Committee
Thos P Nichols

Portsmouth 8 mo 27th 1846

- Which is accepted, and the Treasurer of this meting is directed to pay the sum therein named, & call upon the Treasurer of the Quarterly meting for that amount.

Our beloved friend

Thomas B Gould, a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting in a weighty and feeling manner a concern which had for some time rested upon his mind, to visit some of the meetings of Friends within the limits of Rhode Island, Salem, Sandwich and Dover Quarterly meetings, and to appoint some meetings amongst those not members of our religious society, as well as in some places where no meeting of Friends has been established if way should open for it.

After a time of solid deliberation, we are united in setting him at liberty to pursue the prospect before him as Truth may open the way, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and in conjunction with the clerk of the Womens meeting to sign it on our behalf.

John Mitchell Benoni Weaver & Thos P Nichols are appointed to see that our Friend Thos. B Gould has suitable company & accomodations for his visit

No further business coming before us we conclude to meet again at the usual time & place next month.

Thos. P Nichols Clerk

At Rhode Island. Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 24th of 9th mo 1846.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Benoni Weaver & Henry Gould who are present.

No business coming before us we conclude to meet again at the usual time and place next month.

Thomas P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 29th of 10 mo 1846.

By the account received from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & John Mitchell, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second & tenth, which we consider discriptive of our present state, and forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by our representatives Benoni Weaver, Henry Gould and John Mitchell.

Also extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting were received & read in this meeting to our satisfaction.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the representatives with a copy of this minute.

John Mitchell and Thomas P. Nichols are appointed to append the conclusions of the Yearly Meeting to our books of discipline.

We have received the following extracts from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting ———

And Levi Chase and Benoni Weaver are appointed to call upon Friends for such amounts as they may feel free to subscribe towards our proportion of the sum named therein and report to this meeting when accomplished.

The subject of raising a fund to defray the expense of warming the rooms occupied for Friends Meetings in Newport & Portsmouth having claimed our attention; it is concluded to appoint Benoni Weaver and Levi Chase to receive such ~~funds~~ sums as Friends are willing to contribute for that purpose and report to our next meeting.

The subject of discontinueing our meeting for worship in Newport on the days when Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is held, being introduced at this time, it is concluded that said meetings be suspended on these occasions until the further action of this meeting, the Women meeting uniting with us herein.

No further business coming before us we conclude to meet at the usual time and place next month.

Thos. P. Nichols clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 26th of 11th mo 1846

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Benoni Weaver both of whom is present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee appointed to attend the conclusion of our last Yearly Meeting relative to the public Meeting at Portsmouth, to our books of Discipline report that the service is not yet accomplished.

The Friends appointed to raise a fund for the warming Friends Meeting rooms, report they have paid some attention to the subject.

A certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Ecroyd Kenyon, directed to Providence Monthly Meeting, being presented to us, by the Womens Meeting with the information that they have fully approved the same; this Meeting unites with them therein, and directs that it be signed by the clerk on our behalf and forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude, to meet at the usual time & place next month.

Thos. P. Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 31st of 12 mo 1846.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Thomas P. Nichols who are present.

The committee appointed to raise a fund to defray the expense of warming Friends meeting

Rooms report that they have raised eight dollars, which they are directed to apply to the aforesaid purpose; and if any ballance should remain to pay it to the Treasurer of this Meeting

Our Friend Thomas B Gould returned at this time the certificate granted him in eighth month last; with the information that he was favored to accomplish the project therein mentioned to the peace of his own mind; He also laid before this meeting certificates from Providence Monthly Meeting held at North Providence 9 mo 23d 1846, Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held on Nantucket 1st of 10 mo. Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Salem 10th mo 15th 1846 Dover Quarterly Meeting held at North Berwick 11 mo 22nd and Swanzey Monthly Meeting held at Fall River 10 mo 26th expressing their satisfaction respecting with his company and religious labors, which being read in this meeting are acceptable to us.

No further business being presented we conclude to meet at the usual time and place next month.

Thomas P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 1 mo 28th D. 1847

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Thomas B Gould and John Mitchell whose names being called they are both present.

The Queries being read they were succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth which the condition description of our present state, and forward to the succeeding Quarterly Meeting by our Friends John Mitchell, Levi C Hoag George W Carr

and Benoni Weaver whom we appoint our represen-
-tatives.

The committee appointed in 7th month last to attend the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting to the heads of discipline, report they have attended to their appointment.

The Committee to raise a fund for assisting Friends meeting Rooms, report they have done as directed by this meeting

Newport Preparative Meeting having informed that the overseers have treated with David Buffum for entirely neglecting the attendance of our meetings, and attaching himself to, and attending the meetings of a body of separatists from our religious society; after a time of serious deliberation, we appoint George W Carr, Thomas B Gould, and Thomas P Nichols to treat further with him on our behalf for his out goings, in conjunction with a committee of the Womens meeting, should they appoint one, and report to this meeting next month.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting we are further informed that the overseers have treated with Moses K Beede for entirely neglecting the attendance of our meetings & attaching himself to, and attending the meetings of a body of separatists from our religious society.

Which having received the weight consideration of this meeting we appoint John Mitchell, Lewis Chase & Thomas P. Nichols to treat further with him on our account in relation to his out going in connection with a committee of Women friends should they appoint one, and report to this meeting next month.

No further business being presented we conclud

to meet again at the usual time & place next mon th.

Thos. P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 25th & 2d mo 1847.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Benoni Weaver both of whom are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that on account of sickness only one of them attended.

The committee appointed last month to treat with David Buffum inform that they have attended to the subject but are not prepared to make a final report, and the case is referred under their care to our next meeting.

The committee appointed at our last monthly meeting to treat with Moses H Beede report, they have attended to their appointment but are not prepared to report at this time, and the case is refered for another month under their care.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of our Friend Israel Buffington a member of the Yearly Meetings committee.

No further business coming before us we conclude to meet at the usual time and place next month.

Thos. P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 3rd mo 25. 1847

By the accounts From Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell & Thomas B Gould whose names being called they are present

The Committee to treat with David Buffum

not being prepared to report the subject is referred under their care another month.

The committee appointed to treat with Moses H Beede presented the following report Viz.

To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your committee appointed in the first month last to treat with Moses H Beede for entirely neglecting the attendance of our meetings & attaching himself to and attending the meetings of a body of separatists from our religious society, report that we have several times sought an opportunity with him on the subject of our appointment. as he denies our authority and endeavors to justify his course of departure, we are therefore united in judgment that any further attempt from us to labor with him will be unavailing. All of which we submit to the meeting.

John Mitchell
Levi Close
Thos. P Nichols
} committee

Newport 3rd mo 25th 1847.

Which after a time of solid deliberation this meeting accepts and concludes to disown him from membership with our religious society the women's meeting fully uniting therein. George W Carr & Thos P Nichols are appointed to inform Moses H Beede of his disownment by this Monthly Meeting.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired we appoint Benoni Weaver and Thomas B Gould to confer with a suitable Friend for that station & report to our next meeting.

We have received at this time the following minute from the meeting for sufferings Viz.

And this meeting having had the subject of purchasing a lot and building a meeting house in Newport under consideration last month and verbally concluded to raise one thousand dollars for that purpose, being at this time informed that the committee named in said minute of the 7th for suppering had in consid-
-eration of this conclusion of the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting purchased a lot and con-
-tracted for building a house thereon, we have concluded to appoint John Mitchell, Thomas P Gould, Levi C Hasé and Thomas P Nichols to cooperate with said committee therein, and to receive a conveyance of one half of the lot and buildings erected thereon, the same to be held in trust by them for the use & benefit of this Monthly Meeting.

Friends are requested to subscribe in their freedom towards the sum of money above named, & should there be a deficiency the treasurer of this monthly Meeting the treasurer of this Monthly Meeting is hereby authorized to hire the money necessary to make up, with said sub-
-scriptions the sum of one thousand dollars and to give his note therefor as treasurer of this meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude to meet at the usual time & place next month

Thos P Nichols Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 4 mo 29. 1847.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Thomas B Gould and Levi Chase who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers which we consider descriptive of our present state, which, with a copy of this minute, we forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, by our Friends Henry Gould John Mitchell & Benoni Weaver whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed to treat with David Buffum, having paid some attention to the subject since last Monthly Meeting but not being prepared to make a final report, request that the case be repeired another month, which is granted.

The committee appointed last month to confer with a suitable friend for clerk of this meeting report that they have concluded to propose the reappointment of Thomas P Nichols, which is united with, and he is appointed to that station for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The committee for the purpose report that they have informed Moses H Beede of his disownment.

The com appointed in tenth month last to receive the contributions of Friends towards our proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock, report that have collected twenty dollars and paid the same to the treasurer of this meeting, who is hereby directed to pay it to the Quarterly Meetings treasurer. No further business was presented

Thos P Nichols Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 5th mo 27. 1847

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Coggeshall and Benoni Weaver who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended

The committee appointed to treat with David Buffum presented the following report viz

To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your committee appointed in the first month last to treat with David Buffum for entirely neglecting the attendance of our meetings and attaching himself to, and attending the meetings of a body of separatists from our religious society, report ——— that having several times sought an opportunity with him in pursuance of our appointment which he utterly declines, denying the authority of the Monthly Meeting, we are united in judgment that further attempts by us to labor with him will be unavailing.

All which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Newport 5th mo 27. 1847.

Signed { Thomas B Gould, George W Card, Thomas P Nichols } Committee

which upon deliberate consideration this meeting accepts, and concludes to disown him from membership with our religious society the Womens meeting uniting with us herein. John Mitchell is appointed to inform David Buffum of the decission of this meeting in his case.

The Treasurer informs, he has paid our proportion of stock as directed to the Quarterly

meetings Treasurer.

By Minute from the Meeting for sufferings received in third month last this meeting is requested to lend its aid, as heretofore in making the necessary provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting; and we appoint John Mitchell, Thomas P Nichols, and Levi Chase to cooperate with the committee appointed by the Meeting for sufferings; and they are particularly requested to make the necessary provision for funds Horses, and are requested to call on the Yearly Meetings Treasurer for the amount expended, and to report to our next ~~Monthly~~ Meeting.

The committee appointed in the third month last to unite with a committee of the meeting for sufferings, for the erection of a meeting house in Newport, having now informed that said house will probably be ready for use by the first day of Yearly Meeting next, it is concluded that upon and after that day, all our meetings for worship and discipline, shall be held at that place, provided that the monthly meeting shall be continued to be held alternately at Newport and Portsmouth as at present until the further action of this meeting. We have at this time the acceptable company of one of the Yearly Meeting committee.

No further business coming before us we conclude to meet at the usual time and place next month.

Thomas P Nichols clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 24th of 6 mo 1847.

By the account from Newport preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Levi Chase who are present.

The committee appointed last month to co-operate with a committee of the meeting for sufferings in making the necessary provisions for the Y. meeting ~~for sufferings~~ not being prepared to report the subject is referred to our next monthly meeting under their care.

No further business coming before us, we conclude, to meet at the usual time & place next month.

Thomas P Nichols clerk.

At ~~Richard~~ Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29 of 7 mo 1847

By the account from Newport preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and John Mitchell whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this mo. and succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth which we consider descriptive of our present state, and forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by George W Cook Thomas B Gould and Thomas P Nichols whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed in 5th month last to cooperate with a committee of the meeting for sufferings in making the necessary provision for the Yearly Meeting report that they attended to the service, and that their account amounting to 28 dollars and 50 cents had been paid by the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

John Mitchell reports that he has informed David Buffum of his disownment.

We appoint John Mitchell, Levi Chase and Thomas P Nichols to make the necessary provision for friends horses at the approaching

Quarterly Meeting, and they are directed to call upon the Quarterly Meeting treasurer for the expense incurred and report to our next monthly meeting.

The subject of applying to the Quarterly meeting for liberty to hold our monthly meeting constantly at Newport, instead of alternately at Portsmouth and Newport, as at present, being introduced at this time, we appoint John Mitchell Levi Chase and Thomas B Gould, to make such enquiries into the circumstances of the case as shall appear necessary, in conjunction with a committee of the womens meeting, should they appoint one, and report when prepared to this meeting.

No further business coming before us we conclude to meet at the usual time and place next month.

Thomas P Nichols clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 26th of 8th mo. 1847.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Benoni Weaver and Levi Chase who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The committee appointed last month to make the necessary provision for Friends horses at the time of our late Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended to the service but are not prepared to make a final report, the subject is therefore continued under their care for another month.

No further business presenting, we conclude to meet at the usual time and place next month.

Thomas P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 9 mo 1847.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and John Mitchell who are present.

The committee appointed in the seventh Month to make provision for friends horses at the late Quarterly Meeting, report, they attended to the service, and the expense has been paid by the Quarterly Meetings treasurer.

Newport Preparative Meeting having proposed the reappointment of John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver as overseers, this meeting fully unites therewith, and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The committee appointed in the third month last to receive a conveyance of the lot and meeting house to be erected thereon in Newport as trustees of this Monthly Meeting, inform that they have received said conveyance, and caused the same to be recorded in the Towns Clerks office; and John Mitchell informs that three hundred and fifty dollars having been raised by voluntary contribution among Friends, he has loaned six hundred and fifty dollars the sum necessary to complete the amount of one thousand dollars agreed to be raised by this meeting in the third month last, giving his note therefor as treasurer of this meeting as directed by minute of the above date which amount he has paid to the committee of the meeting for that purpose taking receipt for the same.

The subject of procuring stoves and fuel for our meeting house being introduced in this

meeting it is concluded to appoint Thomas S Gard Levi Chase & John Mitchell, a committee to procure and fit the same, calling upon friends for such sums as they feel a freedom to contribute for this purpose, and report the expense and amount received to this meeting.

No further business coming before us we conclude, to meet at the usual time and place next month.

Thomas P Nichols clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 28th of tenth month 1847.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Solomon Peirce and Benoni Weaver who are both present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth which we consider descriptive of our present state, and forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute, by our friends John Mitchell Benoni Weaver and Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed in the seventh month to consider the subject have now presented the following report viz—

To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting next to be held at Portsmouth

Dear Friends.

We your committee appointed in seventh month last to consider the propriety of applying to the Quarterly Meeting for liberty to hold our Monthly Meetings constantly at Newport report;— that we have several times met and deliberately considered the subject, and are united in the sense and judgement that the time has

come when it will be best to make application to the Quarterly Meeting for liberty to do so.

Portsmouth 28th of 10mo 1847.

Which after mature consideration this meeting accepts and concludes to request the Quarterly Meeting to allow us to hold our Monthly Meetings in future at Newport instead of alternately at Newport and Portsmouth as at present, the womens meeting uniting with us herein.

We have received the following extracts from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting with the accompanying extracts from those of our late Yearly Meeting which have been read in this Meeting to our satisfaction, as also has the epistle from our Friend Etten Austin &c ——— ——— ———

" The following Queries were referred

Pgond Rhode Island

A

At our Y. Meting of Friends for N. England held on R. Island
by adjournments from the 13th of the 6 mo to the 18th of
the same inclusive 1849.

Third day of the week — 15th of the month
It is concluded to extend for another year the liberty here
to fore granted to change the time and place of
holding the several Quarterly meetings which are
respectively requested to render an account of such
change to this meeting next year.

5th day of the week. 17th of the month
The committee appointed to visit subordinate meetings
produced the following report; which has been read &
accepted, and Falmouth Smithfield, Vassalborough
and Fairfield Quarterly Metings continueing to omit
reporting their state to this meeting, the committee now
under appointment is continued (with the exception of
our Friend Laban Paddock deceased) and requested
to extend care to these and other subordinate meetings
as desired by minute of last year and report to our
next Yearly Meeting.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that for the present that when cases
occur of proposals of marriage by persons residing without the limits of this Y. Mee. or in
No. Meetings within the Y. Mee. where there has been no deparation that a satisfactory certificate
from sound pds. in the limits of such meeting, or the vicinity thereof, be received in the same
manner & for the same purpose as certificates are received from No. Meetings.

Extracted from
43 the minutes of the Y. Meeting. Thomas B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 25th of 11th mo 1847

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Thomas B Gould and Benoni Weaver whose names being called they are present.

Our beloved friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting held 14th of 10 mo 1847, expressive of his being a minister in unity with them. His company and religious services are truly acceptable to us.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended — They also presented the following extract from the minutes of the Quarterly Meting viz:

"The following minute was received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting which after being deliberately considered the request therein contained was granted, and they left at liberty to change the place of holding their Monthly Meeting as proposed having the unity of the womens meeting therein.

The clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4th of 11th mo 1847.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B Gould in a weighty and feeling manner opened in this meeting a concern which had long impressed his mind, to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting next to be held at New Bedford also some meetings in the vicinity either as they occur in course or by

appointment as way may open, which being fully united with in this and the Womens meeting, he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best Wisdom may direct.

The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

No further business coming before us we conclude to meet in Newport, agreeably to the liberty granted us by the Quarterly Meeting.

Thomas P Nichols clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 31st of 12 mo 1847.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Benoni Weaver and John Mitchell who are present.

Our beloved Friend Nathan Page having accomplished his visit in this neighborhood to our satisfaction the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the minute made last month expressive of the unity of this meeting with his company and religious services.

Our beloved friend Thomas B Gould returned at this time the certificate granted him at our last Monthly Meeting with the information that he was favored to accomplish the service to the relief of his own mind.

The Committee appointed in ninth month last to procure stoves and fuel for our meeting house report they have attended to that service, and the amount expended for this purpose was thirty dollars and sixty cents, the sum received from Friends was three dollars more than that amount which balance has been paid to the treasurer of this meeting

Thomas P Nichols clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 27th of 8th mo 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are George W Carr and Benoni Weaver one of whom is present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the first second and tenth, which we consider descriptive of our present state, and forward to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this Minute by Thomas B Gould Levi Chase and Thomas P Nichols whom we appoint our representatives

Thomas P Nichols clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 24 of 2nd mo 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase whose names being called they are present

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

Thomas P Nichols Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 3rd mo 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Levi Chase who are present.

The following extracts from the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting was received and read viz. "The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine and settle the trees-

-urers account made the following report — —
which is acceptable and the monthly Meetings
are requested to raise and forward their respec-
-tive proportions of one hundred and twenty five
dollars, the sum proposed to be raised, to Amos
C Wilbur who is reappointed treasurer of this meet-
-ing for the ensueing year.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall
River 4th of 11th mo 1847

Signed, Ethan Foster Clerk

and Levi Chase and John Mitchell are appointed
to receive such sums as Friends feel free to
contribute towards our proportion of the amount
named therein, and report to this meeting next
month.

No further business was presented

Thomas P Nichols Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Newport the 27 of 4 mo 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative
meeting the representatives are Benoni Weaver
and Levi Chase who are present.

The Queries have been read in this
meeting and preceeded by answers which we con-
-sider descriptive of our present state, and for-
-ward to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting with a
copy of this minute, by Thomas B Gould, Benoni
Weaver, and John Mitchell whom we appoint our
representatives.

The committee appointed last month
to receive the contributions of friends towards our
proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock, report that
they have collected eighteen dollars, which our
treasurer is directed to receive and pay to the

Quarterly Meting's treasurer.

The following extract was received from the minutes of the Meting for sufferings and read at this time viz.

To Rhode Island Monthly Meting of Friends

Dear Friends,

We have appointed Francis Taber Jr. Israel Buffington, George M Eddy and Thomas R Wilbur to make the necessary provision for the approaching Yearly Meting, in which Rhode Island Monthly Meting is requested to lend its aid as heretofore.

The committee is authorised to draw on the Yearly Meting's treasurer for the ordinary expenses thereof.

The clerk is requested to furnish Rhode Island Monthly Meting with a copy of this minute. Extracted from the minutes of a meting for sufferings held at New Bedford 4th of 7th month 1848. By

George F Read Clerk.

and John Mitchell, Thos B Gould, Benoni Weaver, Levi Chase, and Thos P Nichols are appointed to act on our behalf in conjunction with the committee therein named, in making the necessary provision for our Yearly Meting, and they are requested to provide for Friends horses, and to report to this meeting when accomplished.

The following minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meting was received & read in this meting viz.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 25th of 5 mo 1848.

An account being received from Newport preparative Meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver whose names being called they are present

The clerk being absent Thomas B Gould is appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended except one who was prevented by indisposition.

Our Treasurer informed he had received the sum of Eighteen dollars raised last month and that it had been paid to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

Thos B Gould clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 29th of 6 mo 1848

An account is received from Newport preparative Meeting. The representatives are Henry Gould and John Mitchell whose names being called they are present.

The clerk being absent George W Carr

is appointed clerk for the day.

A written communication was received at this time from Thomas P Nichols stating that he had removed beyond the limits of this monthly meeting, and that he wished to be released from further service as its clerk; whereupon we appoint John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver to consider of the name of a suitable friend for clerk to this meeting the ensueing year and they are desired to report to our next monthly Meting. . .

George W Carr Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meting of Friends held at Newport the 29 of 6 mo 1848

An account is received from Newport preparative meeting; the representatives are Henry Gould & John Mitchell whose names being called they are present.

The clerk being absent George W Carr is appointed clerk for the day.

A written communication was received at this time from Thomas Pitchols, stating that he had removed beyond the limits of this monthley meeting and that he wished to be released from further service as its clerk; whereupon we appoint John Mitchell & Benoni Weaver to consider of the name of a suitable friend for clerk to this meeting the endueing year, and they are desired to report to our next mo. meeting.

George W Carr Clerk for the day

At R. I. Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 7 mo 1848; by the account from Newport preparative meeting the representatives are Benoni Weaver & John Mitchell who are both present. . .

The committee appointed to consider of some suitable friend for clerk, proposed the name of Thomas B Gould which being united with he is accordingly appointed clerk of this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th which we consider descriptive of our present state, and forward to the approaching Quarterly meeting with a copy of this minute by our friends Henry Gould George W Carr & Benoni Weaver whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed in the fourth month last to unite with a committee of the meeting for Sufferings, to make provisions for the Yearly Meeting, are not ready to make a final report; they are continued and are requested to make provision for the approaching Quarterly Meeting and report when accomplished.

Thomas B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 8 mo. 1848.

By the account from Newport Preparative Meeting it appears that George W Carr & Benoni Weaver are appointed representatives to this meeting whose names being called they are present.

The representatives appointed to our last Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended, and the following extracts from the minutes of that meeting, transmiting the extracts from our last Yearly Meeting were read to our [illegible] satisfaction and directed to be recorded viz.

At Rhode Island

Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 3rd of 8th mo 1848.

The clerk is requested to forward

to our several Monthly Meetings the following extracts from the minutes of the late Yearly Meeting remind at this time, namely.

"Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th of the 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclusive 1848.

Second day of the week & 12th of the month.

"During the consideration of the state of society as brought into view by reading the Queries & answers received from the subordinate ~~meetings~~ branches the minds of concerned friends were introduced into a lively exercise and travail of Spirit for the welfare of Zion and the enlargement of her borders. Friends were exhorted to a diligent attendance of our religious meetings and feelingly reminded of the duty of retiring from that purpose from our ordinary avocations in the middle of the week, under a sense of the preservation that would thereby be experienced from too close an attachment to the things of this transitory world, as well as the great advantage resulting from such a practice in preparing our minds, even on other occasions for the acceptable worship of Him who mercifully regardeth the willing sacrifice of a contrite heart.

"The silent burdens bearers whose secret exercises for the welfare of the Church are sensibly felt therein, the savor of their spirit being truly comforting and strengthening to the living members of the body who are called to labor more publickly for the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom, were encouraged to persevere in their respective allotments of services, and to endeavor to maintain their standing as upright pillars in the Lords house, upon whom much weight and responsibility devolves that so they may be favored to experience the full

fillment of the gracious promise 'Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall go no more out' and that the precious doctrine of the Gospel, with the testimonies ever maintained by the faithful amongst us may continue to be supported amongst us as in former years to the Lords honor, and the cause of Truth and righteousness be thereby promoted in the earth."

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meting

By Thomas B Gould clerk.

This meeting concludes to raise the sum of $125.00 for its use the ensueing year, and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions thereof to our treasurer.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meting held as aforesaid.

Charles Peay clerk for the day

The committee appointed in the 4th month last to make provision for the Y. Meting and continued last month to provide for the Quarterly meting reported that the service had been accomplished and the bills paid. The committee is authorised to draw on the Quarterly meetings treasurer for the expence incurred in providing for the Quarterly Me.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of June 1848.

By the account received from Newport preparative Meting the representatives are Bennet Weaver & George W Carr whose names being called one of them is present.

The subject of the discontinuance for the present of the Meeting held on the afternoon of the first day of the week in Newport, having been introduced and

solidly considered for some time, it is referred for further consideration to our next meeting.

No further business being introduced we conclude.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 10 mo 1848.

By the account received from the preparative meeting it appears that John Mitchell & Levi Chase are appointed representatives to this meeting when names being called they are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the first second and tenth which are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by our friends Levi Chase, John Mitchell & Henry Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

The subject of the discontinuance of the meeting held on the afternoon of the first day of the week in Newport, referred from last monthly minute to this meeting, it is now concluded with the concurrence of the women's meeting, to suspend that meeting from and after the next first day of the week until further action in relation thereto by this meeting and Henry Gould is appointed to give public notice thereof at the close of both meetings on the 29th instant.

Thomas B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode I. Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 11th mo 1848

By an account from Newport preparative meeting it appears that John Mitchell & Levi Chase are appointed representatives, who are both present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

Henry Gould reported that notice had been given of the discontinuance of the meeting held on the afternoon of the first day of the week.

No other business being presented at this time we conclude

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 12 mo 1848. An account being received from Newport preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould & John Mitchell both of whom are present.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 1st mo 1849.
By an account received from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives are Benoni Weaver & Thos. B Gould who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the first second and tenth, which we forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting (with a copy of this minute) by our friends Levi Close George H Carr & John Mitchell whom we appoint our representatives.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At R.I. Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 22d of 2nd mo 1849.

An account is received from Newport preparative meeting by which we are informed that John Mitchell and Henry Gould are appointed representatives whose names being called they are both present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported, that they all attended but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this.
The time for which John Mitchell was appointed treasurer having expired, Thomas B Gould & Levi Chase are appointed to ~~settle~~ examine his account and to name a treasurer, and are requested to report to our next meeting.
After attending to some other matters which came before us the meeting concluded

Thos B Gould clk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 3rd mo 1849.

By the account from Newport Preparative meeting it appears Benoni Weaver & John Mitchell are appointed representatives both of whom are present.

The committee appointed to examine & settle the treasurers account & to name a treasurer, informs that they have attended to the service but are not prepared to make a final report. They are therefore continued another month.
The subject of raising our proportion of Quarterly meeting stock coming under consideration at this time Benoni Weaver & Levi Chase are appointed to collect voluntary subscriptions from friends for that purpose & the com. is requested to report to our next meeting.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held ~~the~~ at Newport the 26th of 4 mo 1849
By an account from Newport preparative Meeting, the representatives are Henry Gould & Benoni Weaver both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read in

this meeting with approved answers as discipline of our present state which are directed to be forwarded, with an account by our friends Joh Mitchell Benoni Weaver & Thomas B Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee continued last month in charge of the settlement of the treasurers account and to name a treasurer, has produced the following report which has been read & accepted —

To Rhode I. No. Mo. of Friends next to be held at Newport. Dear Friends

We your committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurers account, report that we have attended to the service and find a ballance due him from the Monthly Meeting of 7 dol. & 29 cts — We propose the reappointment of John Mitchell for treasurer. Thos B Gould

Newport 26th of 4mo 1849 Levi Chase,

and John Mitchell is accordingly appointed treasurer of this meeting for the year ensueing or until another appointment.

The com. appointed at our last Monthly Meeting to promote subscriptions towards our part of the Quarterly Meeting stock, not being fully prepared to report are continued, and are desired to raise an additional sum to discharge the sum now due the treasurer of this meeting, who is requested to pay to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer the sum of 18 dollars on behalf of this meeting.

The following minute of the Meeting for Sufferings has been received and read viz.—

To Rhode I. No Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends.

We appoint Isaac B Allen Benjamin Gardner, Benjamin Fowler, Job Eddy Wm Hill, James S Peckham George F Read Francis Taber jr. & John Wilbur

to make provision for our approaching Yearly Meeting in Which Rhode Island Mo. Mee. is requested to lend its aid as heretofore.
The committee is authorised to draw on the Yearly Meetings Treasurer for the expence thereof.
The clerk is requested to furnish R. Island Mo. Mee. with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of a meeting for sufferings held at Newtedford 4 mo 4 1849

By George H Read Clerk.

, Whereupon we appoint Thomas B Gould, John Mitchell, Henry Gould, Levi Chase, & Benoni Weaver to render such assistance to the committee of the mee. for sufferings in making provision for the Yearly Meeting as may appear necessary and they are requested to report to this meeting when accomplished.

Thomas B Gould clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 5 mo 1849.
By an account received from Newport Preparative meeting we are informed that Benoni Weaver & Levi Chase are appointed representatives both of whom are present.
The representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.
The committee continued to raise subscriptions to supply the deficiency existing in the Treasury, report that this service was accomplished —
The treasurer also reported that he had paid to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer the sum of 18 dl as directed.

No other business appearing we conclude

Thos B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 6 mo 1849. An account being received from the preparative meeting it appears that George W. Carr & John Mitchell are appointed to attend this meeting as representatives whose names being called they are present.

The reappointment of John Mitchell & Benoni Weaver as overseers of this meeting being proposed by the preparative meeting, this is united with and they are accordingly appointed to that station for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

A certificate of removal was presented and read from South Kingstown Mo. Meeting on behalf of Hannah Hazzard and we have concurred with the womens meeting in the reception thereof and in directing it to be recorded.

There does not appear to be any further business requiring attention at this time.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode I. Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 7 mo 1849.

The clerk being absent we appoint Thomas P. Nichols to serve the meeting for this day.

By the account from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are John Mitchell & Benoni Weaver who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with appointed answers to the first second & tenth which with a copy of this minute we forward to the approaching Quarterly meeting by our friends John Mitchell Henry Gould & Benoni Weaver whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business being presented we conclude

Thomas P Nichols Clerk for the day

At R. Island Mo. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 8 mo 1849. By an accot from the preparative mee. the representatives are Benoni Weaver & John Wilbur who are both present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reported they all attended.

The committee appointed in 6 mo. to assist the committee of the Meeting for Sufferings in making provision for the Yearly Meeting reported they had accomplished the service as required.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 9 mo 1849. By an acct from the preparative Mee. the representatives are Levi Chase & Thomas B Gould who are present.

The following minute has been rec. and read from our last Quarterly Meeting—

At R. Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 2nd of 8 mo 1849.

It was concluded to raise the sum of one hundred & twenty five dollars to supply the demands in the treasury the current year and our monthly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer their respective proportions of said sum.

Harvey Chase Assistant Clk

The Rhode Island Mo Meting of Friends } Wherefore Benoni Weaver & Levi Chase are appointed to collect subscriptions to defray our usual proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock and they are requested to report when accomplished

Thos. B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 10th mo 1849. An account being received from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are George W Carr & John Mitchell, whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by approved answers to the usual three which are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, with a copy of this minute by John Mitchell, Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 11th mo 1849.

By the account Received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell & Levi Chase who are both present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reported that two of them attended but had nothing in charge to this meeting.

No other business was presented

Thomas B Gould Clerk.

At R. Island Monthly Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 12 mo 1849. By the account rec. from the Preparative Mee. it appears that Henry Gould & Levi Chase are appointed representatives to this meeting, whose names being called they are present

No other business being presented at this time the meeting concludes.

Thomas B Gould. clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newpt the 31st of 1st mo 1850. By an account from Newport

Preparative Meting the representatives are John Mitchell & Henry Gould who are present.
The Queries have been read in this Meeting with approved answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th which answers with a copy of this minute are directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly Meting By Thos B Gould John Mitchell & Levi C Chase whom we appoint our representatives Thomas B Gould clerk.

At R I. Monthly Meting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 2nd mo 1850.

By an account rec. from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi C Chase whose names being called they are present.
The representatives to our last Quarterly Meting reported that two of them attended, one was prevented by indisposition
The time for which the clerks of this meting was appointed having expired George W Carr & Levi Chase are appointed to confer with some friend for that service and they are requested to report to our next meeting.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At R I. Monthly Meting held at Newport the 28th of 3rd mo 1850. An account being received from the preparative meting we are informed that Henry Gould & Levi Chase are appointed representatives to this meeting, whose names being called they are present.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Christopher C Hussey who produced a satisfactory minute of Nantucket Monthly Meting held on the 28th of 2nd mo last expressive of his being a minister in unity with the

them, and also of their unity with this present religious engagement his company & Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us. We have also had the company of our beloved friend Prince Gardner who produced a minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting stating that he is an Elder in unity with them and that they unite with his prospect of accompanying C C Hussey in his present religious visit, which has been read to our satisfaction; his company & service have also been truly acceptable to us.

The comm. having charge of proposing a friend to serve this meeting as clerk report reported the name of Thos. B Gould which is united with and he is accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At R. I. Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth the 25th of 4 mo 1850. An account being received from the preparative meeting the friends therein named as representatives to this meeting are Henry Gould & John Mitchell both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers which we consider a description of our present state, and which are directed to be which are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, with a a copy of this minute by our Friends Levi Chase John Mitchell & Thomas B Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

Levi Chase the surviving member of a committee appointed in 9th mo. last to collect subscriptions for the payment of our Quarterly Meeting stock reported he had collected & paid the amount (14.00) to our treasurer who is directed to pay that sum to

the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, & our clerk is authorised to send up this information in our next to the Q. Meeting.

Our beloved Friends Christopher C Hussey and Prince Gardner having accomplished the service which they had in prospect and having visited most of the families of Friends within our limits to our satisfaction and encouragement, the clerk is directed to sign and furnish them with a copy of this minute, and also with copies of the minutes respecting their attendance of our last monthly meeting the women's meeting uniting therein.

The following minute has been received and read at this time—

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford the 3rd of 4 mo 1850

We appoint our friends Israel Buffington, Job Eddy Benjamin Gardner, Benjamin Tucker, Wm Hill & Francis Taber Jr: to make the necessar provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting & Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is requested to lend its aid as heretofore. The committee is authorised to draw on the Yearly Meetings treasurer for the expence thereof.

Extracted from the minutes

Francis Taber Jr. clerk.

whereupon we appoint Levi Chase, Thomas B Gould and Joshua Mitchell to render such assistance to the committee of the Mo. for sufferings, as may be necessary and also to make provision for Friends horses as heretofore & to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expence incurred.

No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 5mo 1850. By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell both of whom are present. The rep. to the last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

Our Treasurer informed she had paid our proportion of stock to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer.

No other business was presented at this time

T B Gould Clk

At Rhode Island, Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27 of 6 mo 1850. By an account &c. from Newport Preparative Meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & John Mitchell, both of whom are present.

Thomas B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting ~~of~~ Friends held at Newport the 25th of 7 mo 1850. By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Thos B Gould & Levi Chase who are present.

The Queries have been read in this mee. with approved answers to the usual three which we forward with an account, to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our representatives Henry Gould John Mitchell & Levi Chase.

The committee appointed in 4th mo to assist in making provision for the Yearly Meeting report 'they have accomplished the service and the bills are all paid.' No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clerk.

At R. I. Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 8 mo 1850. By an account received from the Preparative Meeting it appears the representatives are

Henry Gould & John Mitchell both of whom are present. One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reported they all attended, and the following extract from the minutes of that meeting was produced & read. — viz

The Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting is directed to pay to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer the sum of $120.00 as called for by the minute of the meeting and our several monthly meetings are requested to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of that sum.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Newport the 1st of 8 mo 1850.

Thomas Wilbur Clerk for the day.

whereupon Friends are requested to enter into voluntary subscription towards raising our proportion of said stock and George W Carr & Levi Chase are appointed to receive the same, & are requested to report when accomplished.

The account from the Preparative Meetings state that the time for which the overseers of this meeting was expired, and that one of them our late beloved Friend Benoni Weaver, is Deceased, and proposes the reappointment of John Mitchell to that station for the year ensuing which being approved he is accordingly appointed, and the preparative Meeting is recommended to propose to a future meeting the name of another Friend to unite with him in the service.

No other business being presented the meeting concludes. Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode I. Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 9 mo 1850. By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & John

Mitchell whose names being called they are present

The Preparative Meting in conformity with the recommendation of our last No. Meting, having proposed the name of Levi Chase as an overseer of this meting, the proposition was united with and he is accordingly appointed to that station for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Thomas B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meting of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 10 mo 1850.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Thos. B Gould both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read with approved answers to the usual them which are forward to our approaching Quarterly Meting with a copy of this minute by Levi Chase John Mitchell & George H Carr whom are appoint our representatives.

No other business was presented

Thomas B Gould clk.

At R I Monthly Meting of Friends held at Newport the 28 of 11th mo 1850.

By the account from the Preparative Meting the representatives are Henry Gould & Thomas B Gould whose names being called they are both present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meting report that two of them attended but have nothing in charge from that Meting to this.

Thomas B Gould clk

At Rhode I. Monthly Meting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 12 mo 1850. An account being received from the Preparative Meting it appears

that Levi Chase & John Mitchell are appointed representatives only one of whom is present.

No other business being presented the mee concludes. Thomas B Gould Clk.

At R I. Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 1st of 1st mo 1851. By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell & Henry Gould both of whom are present. The Queries have been read in this Meting succeeded by answers to the 1st 2nd & 3rd which are forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting, with an account, by our Friends, John Mitchell, Thos B Gould and Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives. After making a collection for the purpose of fuel for the meeting house the meeting concluded Thomas B Gould Clk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 2nd mo 1851. By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are George W Carr & Henry Gould both of whom are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting report that two of them attended but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No further business being presented this meeting concludes.

Thomas B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 3rd mo 1851.

By the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & Thomas B Gould both of whom are present.

John Mitchell the treasurer of this meeting informed that he had made application on behalf of this meeting to the trustees of our friend Joseph Green deceased and they had contributed the sum of two hundred & sixty five dollars for the purpose of enabling him to pay the principal, and interest for one year, on his note to James Chase of Portsmouth, dated 9 mo 5th 1849 for two hundred & fifty dollars which sum of money he hired by direction of this meeting for the purpose of assisting to defray the expense of purchasing our meeting house lot and of building this house thereon, and he also informed, that on the 21st day of this month he had paid said note with the interest due thereon and deposited the note with the trustees aforesaid as their voucher for the application of the money, and that he had also given them his receipt as treasurer of this meeting, which note when given was simply signed with his own name, he having omitted to sign it as treasurer of this meeting as directed by it's minute authorising him to hire the money. — all which is satisfactory to this meeting and he was also informed that Israel Buffinton was willing to wait a while longer for the payment of his note of $350.00 cts & interest thereon.
No further business was presented

Thomas B Gould Clk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 24th of 4 mo 1851. By the account received from the Preparative Meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Henry Gould who are present
The Epistles have been read in this meeting and

succeeded by answers to each, which being approved they are directed to be forwarded to our approaching Quarterly Meeting, with a copy of this minute by our friends John Mitchell, Thomas B Gould and Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives

The committee appointed in 8th mo. last to collect our part of the D. Mee. Stocks report they have accomplished the service and paid the amount to our treasurer who is directed to pay it to the treasurer of the D. Mee. and the clerk is authorised to give information thereof in the account to the D. Meeting.

We have received a communication at this time from our meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford the 2nd of 4 mo 1851 wherein it appears Jos Eddy, Israel Buffington, Benjamin Tucker, Wm Hill and Palmer Chase are appointed to make provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting and they are directed to see that Friends are not embarrassed on account of the expense on the attendance thereof. in which R. I. No. Meeting is requested to lend its aid as heretofore.

Thomas B Gould, Levi Chase, & John Mitchell are appointed to render the desired assistance The Same com. is requested to make provision for friends horses & to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expenses incurred & report to this meeting when the object of this appointment is accomplished.

Having at this time the company of our beloved friend Mary Macy she produced a satisfactory minute of Nantucket Mo. Meeting held there the 29th of the 8th mo last

expressive of her being a minister in unity with and of their unity with her prospect of visiting the meetings and families of friends within the limits of this Q. Meeting. Her company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our beloved friends Benjamin and Rachel Gardner who respectively produced copies of satisfactory minutes of Nantucket mo. Meeting expressive of their being members in good esteem with them and of their unity with their prospect of accompanying our friend Mary Macy in her present religious engagement. Their company has been acceptable and encouraging to us.

No other business was presented

Mos B Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Mo. Mtg of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 5 mo 1851.

An acct. being received from the preparative meeting the representatives are George W Carr and Levi Chase whose names being called they are present.

John Mitchell on behalf of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended and he had paid to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer our proportion of stock as directed.

This meeting being informed that our beloved friend Mary Macy with her companions Benjamin and Rachel Gardner, had finished their visit to the families of Friends within our limits to good satisfaction the clerks was directed to sign and forward to Nantucket

Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute together with copies of those made in relation to the attendance of our last Mo. Meeting, the women meeting uniting herein.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At R.I. Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 26th of 6 mo 1851.

By the account rec. from the Preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Levi Chase both of whom are present. The committee appointed in the fourth month last to make provision for the late Yearly Meeting report attention to the service but are not ready to make a final report.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clk

At R.I. Mo. Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 7 mo 1851. By an account received from the preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould and Jn. Mitchell whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the usual three which we think are in accordance with our present state which are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by our friends Henry Gould, Levi Chase and John Mitchell whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed in 4th mo last to assist in making provision for the late Yearly Meeting report that the service is accomplished

and that they have paid the bills by a draft on the Yearly Meetings Treasurer.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould. Clk

At R.I. Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 8 mo. 1851 By an account received from the Preparation Meeting the representatives are John Mitchell & Thomas B Gould both of whom are present. Henry Gould on behalf of the representatives to our last Quarterly Mee. reported that they all attended. No other business was presented at this time

Thos B Gould Clerk

At R Island Mo Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 9 mo 1851. An acct being rec. from the preparation meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and John Mitchell who are both present.

The time for which the clerk was appointed having expired and the reappointment of Thos. B Gould being proposed and united with he was accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment

No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould clerk.

At R. I. Mo. Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 10 mo. 1851. By the acc. rec. from the preparation mee. the representatives are Thos. B Gould and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

An extract was received from our last Quarterly meeting at this time informing us of the amount of stock which that meeting has concluded to raise

and requesting R. I. Mo. Mtg to contribute its usual proportion whereupon Levi Chase and Henry Gould are appointed to receive contributions towards that object & place it in the hands of our treasurer and report to this meeting when accomplished.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and recorded & approved answers to the usual ones which are directed to be forwarded, with a copy of this minute to the approaching R. I. Meeting by Thos B Gould and John Mitchell whom we appoint our representatives

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clk

At R. I. Mo. Mtg of friends held at Newport the 29th of 11th mo 1851. By an account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly mtg. report that they both attended but have nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No other business was presented at this time Thos B Gould Clk

At R. I. Mo Meeting held at Newport the 25th of 12 mo 1851. By the acct. rec. from the preparative mtg. the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

Thos B Gould clerk.

At R I Mo Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 1 mo 1852. An account being received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and John Mitchell who are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by approved answers to the first 2nd and 10th which are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by Levi Chase & Thos B Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould

At R.I. Mo. Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 2nd mo 1852. By the account received from the preparative meeting we are informed that John Mitchell and Henry Gould were appointed to attend this mee. as representatives. both of who are present.

One of our representatives to the last Quarterly meeting reported that they both attended but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clerk

At R.I. Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 3rd mo 1852. By an account from the preparative meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Thos B Gould both of whom are present. No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clerk

At R.I. Mo meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29 of 4 mo 1852. By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & John Mitchell, both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by approved answers to each are directed to be forwarded with an account, with

all necessary extracts from our minutes to the approaching Quarterly Meting by Levi Chase and Thos B Gould whom we appoint our representatives

The following communication was received from the meeting for Sufferings by the committee now in attendance from that meeting, and has been read at this time. viz.

At a meeting for sufferings held at New Bedford the 31st of 3rd mo 1852

The subject of making provision for our approaching Yearly Meting being under consideration at this time. We appoint our friends Benjamin Tucker, George M Eddy, Francis Tabor, Benjamin Gardner and Israel Buffington, to make the necessary provision for the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to do that friends are not embarrassed on account of the expence on the attendance thereof in which Rhode Island Mo Meting is requested to lend its aid as heretofore.

The committee are authorised to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expence thereof

The clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island Monthly meeting with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes

Francis Tabor Jr

Whereupon Thos B Gould, Levi Chase, Clerk and Henry Gould are appointed to render the aforesaid committee such assistance as may appear necessary and they are requested to report when the service is accomplished.

John Mitchell and Levi Chase are appointed to make the necessary provision for Friends Horses at the same time and they are requested

to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expence thereof, and report to this meeting in sixth month next.

The committee appointed in the 10th mo. last to promote subscriptions towards our proportion of Quarterly meeting, report attention thereto and our treasurer is directed to pay twelve dollars, our quota of stock to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meting and the clerk is directed to include this information in our account thereto.

No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould Clerk

At R Island No. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 5 mo 1852. By an account from the preparative mee. the representatives are John Mitchell and Levi Chase both of whom are present. One of the representatives to our last Quarterly mee. reports that they both attended but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this. John Mitchell our treasurer reported that he had paid our proportion of stock to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Mee as directed last month.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clerk

At R Island No. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 6 mo 1852. By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Thos B Gould, and Levi Chase whose names being called one of them was present

The clerk being absent Levi Chase was appointed clerk for the day.

The committee appointed to provide for Friends horses not being ready to report the subject is continued under their care.

77 Levi Chase Clerk for the day

At R. Island Mo. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 7mo 1852 By an acct rec. from the Preparative Mee. the representatives are John Mitchell and Henry Gould both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual three which with an account are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Henry Gould George W Cass and Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed in the 4th mo. last to assist in making provision for the Yearly Meeting reported that the service had been accomplished and the bills paid by a draft on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The time for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed having expired, in accordance with a proposition to that effect from the Preparative meeting, it was concluded to appoint John Mitchell and Levi Chase to the service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 26 of 8th mo 1852. By the account from the Preparative mee. the representatives are John Mitchell and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended.

The following extracts from the minutes of that meeting having been received and read at this time were directed to be recorded and also the written extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 5th of 8 mo 1852.

The following extracts from our last Yearly meeting and the clerk is requested to transcribe and forward such portions as are necessary to our Monthly meetings viz.

"In a view of the difficulties & embarrassments under which divers Friends labour in consequence of the general depetion in principle and insubordination in practice of Falmouth Smithfield Bassalborough, and Fairfield Quarterly meetings it is the conclusion of this meeting that when cases occur of Friends who have manifested a sincer attachment to our ancient principles & Testimonies, removing to live within the limits of any monthly meeting, which is a branch of Euther Rhode Island, Salem & Dover or Sandwich Quarterly meetings, and make application to be received as their members, it is agreed that such monthly meetings be left at liberty to receive them and that they be considered as members thereof according to the judgment of such meeting and upon it receiving satisfactory evidence of their being in unity with Friends of orderly life and conversation and of having settled their outward affairs.

And in case of their being in necessitous circumstances when such application is made of their requiring pecuniary assistance afterwards and within the time prescribed by the discipline with regard to the obtaining of settlements they not having contributed to the funds of the meeting within the limits of which they reside, it is advised that such Friends should receive timely and needful assistance of their respective Month

meetings who are requested of the matter should prove burdensome to them to forward their accounts to the meeting for Sufferings which having approved the same the expence is to be defrayed by a draft on the Treasurer of this meeting.

It is also the sense and judgement of this meeting that the same rules and regulations may be applied under the direction of best wisdom to the relief of sound and consistent Friends as may continue to reside within the limits of the four dissigned Quarterly which have been referred to, as well as such as are members of the three Quarterly meetings which are still duly represented in this meeting but who may reside within the limits of any Monthly Meeting in either of those Quarters which has not been sustained in subordination to us, by reason of the great defection in principle and the prevalent unsoundness in doctrine existing among the members of such monthly meetings generally."

Our Monthly meetings are requested to forward to the Treasurer of this meeting their respective proportions of one hundred and fifty dollars the sum agreed to be raised for the use of this meeting this year and the clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this minute to our monthly meetings.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Samuel Chase Clerk for the day.

— we have also received a printed minute of advice and counsel from our last Yearly Meeting addressed to the Quarterly and monthly meetings to the individual members belonging thereto. It was read to our satisfaction.

No other business was presented.

Thos B Ladd clerk.

At Rhode Island mo. Mtg of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 9 mo 1852. By the account from the Preparation meeting the representatives are John Mitchell and Thomas B Gould who are present.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B Gould opened in this meeting a concern which had for some time rested on his mind to attend Sandwich Quarterly meeting next to be held on Nantucket, Salem and Dover Quarter next to be held at Lynn also to visit most of the meetings constituting them, and to appoint some meetings among those not of our society if way should open for it. After a time of deliberation thereon it was united with and he was left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best Wisdom may direct he being a minister in unity with us.

The assistant clerk was directed to sign, in conjunction with the clerk of the womens meeting, and furnish him with a copy of this minute.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 10th mo 1852.

By the account received from the Preparation mtg. the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase whose names being called they are both present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by approved answers to the usual three which were directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute by our friends Levi Chase John Mitchell and Henry Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase assistant clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meting held at Newport the 25th of 11 mo 1852. By an acct from the preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase who are present.
We are informed that two of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting attended, one was absent from indisposition.
Our beloved friends Thomas B Gould returned at this time the minute granted him in 9th month last with the information that he had been enabled to accomplish the visit which he had in prospect to the peace and satisfaction of his own mind which is satisfactory to this meeting.
No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held the 30th of 12 mo 1852. By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Henry Gould both of whom are present

A Minute was received and read at this time from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford the 2nd of the present month by which we are informed that our friend Thomas B Gould had attended that meeting held on Nantucket in the 10th mo last and divers others within their limits and that his company and gospel labors amongst them had been acceptable & satisfactory to friends, which is truly satisfactory to ~~friends~~ this meeting and the minute is directed to be recorded.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clerk.

Minute from Sandwich Q. Meeting.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford the 2nd of 12 mo 1852.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B Gould attended our last Quarterly meeting with a certificate of unity with his ministry and proposed religious engagements amongst us from Rhode Island Mo. M. meeting; his company and gospel labors were acceptable, and by accounts received at this time, he has attended other meetings within our limits, in which his services were to good satisfaction and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Extracted from the minutes by Paley Mitchell clerk & Judith Swift Assist clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Mo. Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 1 mo 1853. By an account received from the Preparation meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Thos B Gould who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th which are directed to be forwarded with a copy of this minute to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by Thos B Gould & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

Thos B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Mee. of Friends held at Newport the 24th of 2 mo 1853.

By an acct from the preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase who are present. One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reported that they both attended.

Thos B Gould clerk

At Rhode Island Mo. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 3 mo 1853.

An account is received from the Preparative meeting by which it appears that Thos B Gould and Levi Chase were appointed representatives to this meeting both of whom are present.

The following minute was received from Salem & Dover Quarterly meeting which is satisfactory to us & is directed to be recorded.

At Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn the 28 of 10th mo 1852

Our Beloved Friend Thomas B Gould attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 9 mo 1852 informing that he is a minister approved by that meeting and expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of religious engagement amongst us, his company & services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction & on behalf of Salem & Dover Quarterly meeting of Friends held at North Berwick the 27th of 1st mo 1853.

Valentine Meader
Mary M Gove } Clerks.

Levi Chase & Henry Gould are appointed to collect subscriptions for our proportion of Quarterly meeting stock, & are requested to report to our next meeting.

No other business at this time

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Mtg of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 4 mo 1853. By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answered according to our present state which answers are directed to be forwarded with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by Levi Chase & Thomas B Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed to collect subscriptions, report they have received 12 dollars which Henry Gould, who is now appointed Treasurer of this meeting in the place of our late beloved Friend Jos Mitchell deceased, is directed to pay to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

A minute of the meeting for Sufferings has been received & read at this time, whereupon we appoint Thos B Gould, George W Carr & Levi Chase to assist the committee of the meeting for Sufferings, as requested by said minute in making provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting & they are requested to report when the service is accomplished.

No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 5 mo 1853. By an account from the Preparative mtg. the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The representatives to the last Quarterly Mtg reported they had attended and had nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island (No. mce. of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 6 mo 1853.
By an account from the Preparative mce. the reps are Henry Gould & Thos B Gould both of whom are present.

Our friend Henry Gould the treasurer of this meeting informed that it appeared that at our last Yearly Meeting, our friend Othniel Tripp late of Dartmouth deceased had by his last will and Testament bequeathed the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars to this Yearly Meeting and directed the interest of five hundred dollars to be paid to this meeting for the use and benefit thereof so long as it shall continue a monthly meeting in unity with New England Yearly meeting of Friends &c. & that the Yearly Meeting had accepted the legacy and had appointed a committee to advise and assist the trustees in regard to the investment of the money. He also informed that since the 4th of 8th mo 1847 our friend Israel Buffinton had held a note against this monthly meeting for the sum of three hundred & fifty ($350.00) dollars signed by John Mitchell then Treasurer of this meeting — that neither principal nor interest had ever been paid upon this note, and that it having appeared that the trustees of Othniel Tripp were willing to loan the sum of 500 dollars to this meeting and also that Israel Buffinton wanted his money — and he had upon the 24th of this month given said trustees his note as Treasurer of this meeting for five hundred dollars; and with said 500 dollars had paid Israel Buffinton's note in full with compound interest thereon — amounting to four hundred and ninety three dollars and 61 cents, and that he had deposited the note that was signed by John Mitchell, with

the ballance of the money 6 dollars & 39 cts with the clerk of this meting: — upon deliberate consideration the proceedings of our Treasurer are united with and he was authorised to receipt for the interest of the said 500 dollars to the trustees of Obriel Tripp annually on behalf of this meting.

Thomas B Gould the clerk of this meting also informed that the note formerly given by John Mitchell to Israel Buffinton, with the ballance of the sum of 500 dollars, after paying the same — viz 6 dollars & 39 cts was now in his possession and that the amount of the note including both the principal and compound interest thereon had been receipted for — upon the back of it by Israel Buffinton and that the signature of John Mitchell was mutilated or destroyed which was satisfactory to this meeting.

The com. appointed to assist in making provision for the late Y. Meting report the service accomplished except with regards the care of Friends horses;

No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island and No. Meting of Friends held the 28th of 7th mo at Newport. By an account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual Epistle which with an account we forward to the approaching Quarterly meeting by our Representatives Henry Gould George W Carr & Levi Chase.

The com. having charge of Friends horses reported the Bills paid.

No other business

Thos B Gould clerk.

At R Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 8 mo 1853. By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Thos B Gould and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

One of the representatives to the last Quarterly meeting reports that they all attended. The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, Henry Gould & Levi Chase are appointed to confer with a friend for that service and report to our next meeting.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clk

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 9th mo 1853. By an account from the Preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould & Thos B Gould both of whom are present

The committee for the purpose propose the appointment of Thos B Gould for clerk of this meeting which being approved he is accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensueing or until another appointment.

The Preparative meeting having ~~having~~ proposed the names of Henry Gould & Levi Chase as overseers of this meeting, it is united with & they are accordingly appointed for the year ensueing or until another appointment.

There was no other business

Thos B Gould clk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Mee of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 10th mo 1853. By an account from the Preparative mee. the rep.s are Henry Gould and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The clerk being absent from bodily indisposition Levi Chase is appointed clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read with approved answers to the usual ones and forward with a copy of this minute to the approaching Quarterly meeting by our friends Henry Gould & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island No meeting of Friends held at Newport the 24th of 11th mo 1853. By an account from the preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould & Thomas B Gould neither of whom are present by reason of the decease of Abigail Gould wife of the former, and the meeting being very small it is concluded to defer part of the business of this meeting to the next meeting.

Levi Chase assistant Clerk.

At Rhode Island No. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 12th mo 1854. By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase who are present. The last monthly meeting was not held on account of sickness, and a violent snow storm that made it impossible for most friends to attend. As concluded in the 11th mo the business of that meeting was deferred to this. The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reported that they had attended it and produced a minute from that meeting requesting us to forward to Amos C Miller their Treasurer, our proportion of two hundred and fifty dollars the sum agreed to be raised, and Levi Chase is appointed to receive voluntary subscriptions towards said purpose, and report to this meeting, when the service

is accomplished.

The Queries from Lic. read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th which we consider descriptive of our present state. We forward these with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Henry Gould & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly mee. of Friends held at Newport the 23rd of 2 mo 1854 By an acct from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Thos B Gould & Levi Chase one of whom is present the other being prevented from attending from sickness. One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Mee. reports that he attended but has nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

No other business presented.

Levi Chase Assistant clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 3rd mo 1854.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Thos B Gould both of whom are present.

The friend appointed in the first month to receive contributions &c not being ready to make a final report, the subject is continued under his care for another month.

No other business. Thos B Gould. Clerk

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 4 mo 1854. An account is received from our Preparative meeting G which
90 it appears that Henry Gould & Levi Chase were

whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to each, which are approved, and the clerk is directed to furnish our representatives Thos B Gould George W Carr & Levi Chase with a copy of this minute and we forward by them to the approaching Quarterly meeting the answers referred to.

Levi Chase reported that he had collected and paid to our Treasurer twenty dollars our proportion of stock which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Q. Mee. & the clerk is desired to give this information in our account to that meeting.

A minute was received from the meeting for Sufferings at this time requesting the aid of this meeting as heretofore in making provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting, whereupon we appoint Henry Gould George W Carr & Levi Chase to render the desired assistance and report to this meeting when the service is accomplished.

No other business

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 5 mo 1854. By an account from the Preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase both of whom are present. Two of the representatives to the Quarterly mee. reported that they attended it and our Treasurer informed that he had transfered the stock paid to him as required.

No other business. Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo. mee of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 6 mo 1854. By the account from the Preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould and Thos B Gould who are present.

One of the Comm. appointed to assist Friends making

provision for the late Y. Meting reports attention to the service in part, and the committee is continued.

No other business presented

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhod Island Mo. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 7th M 1854. By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the usual form which we consider descriptive of our present state and forward to the next Quarterly meeting with an account by our representatives Henry Gould George W Carr & Levi Chase.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B Gould opened in this meeting a concern which had long rested with much weight on his mind, to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel to the meetings of Friends in some parts of New York, Philadelphia Baltimore & Ohio Yearly meetings, and if way should open for it to attend the sittings of the last named Yearly meeting, and to appoint some meetings among those not of our Society as Truth may open the way, which being deliberately considered was united with and he was encouraged to pursue his prospect as best Wisdom may direct, he being a minister in unity with us, and George W Carr & Levi Chase are appointed to unite with a committee of women Friends should they appoint one, in preparing a certificate of our unity with him in this concern and to lay it before an adjournment of this meting

Adjourned to 7th day the 29th instant, at 3. o'clock in the afternoon.

Seventh day the 29th of 7th mo 1854 the meeting assembled about the hour adjourned to. The names of the representatives being called one of them was present

The clerk of this meeting being indisposed George W Carr was appointed clerk for the day.

The joint committee of men & women friends appointed to prepare a certificate of unity with the concern of our beloved friend Thomas B Gould produced one which was satisfactory to this meeting and George W Carr was directed to sign the same on our behalf & to furnish him therewith.

No other business

George W Carr Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 8 mo. 1854. By an account from the Preparative mee. the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase whose names being called they are present. The clerk being absent Levi Chase is appointed clerk for the day.

The committee appointed to assist in making provision for the late Yearly meeting reported that they had accomplished the service.

No other business.

Levi Chase Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island mo. meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 9th mo 1854.

The clerk being absent Levi Chase is appointed clerk for the day. By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase who are both present.

There was no business presented further

Levi Chase clerk for the day

At Rhode Island mo meeting of Friends held at

Newport the 26th of 10 mo 1854. By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase both of whom are present. The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual three which are directed to be forwarded with an account to the Quarterly meeting by Thomas B Gould Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

The following extract from the minutes of our last Quarterly meeting, together with the minute of the Yearly Meeting therein referred, were received and read at this time and are directed to be recorded.

"The clerk is directed to furnish each of our Monthly meetings with a copy of the following "minute" relating to removals adopted by our last Yearly meeting to be placed on their records.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Newport 3rd of 8 mo 1854

Charles Peery Clerk

Minute

"It is the sense and judgement of this meeting that so much of the minute adopted in 1852 as relates to removals, be extended and its benefits applied to such sound & consistent Friends, as may remove into any Monthly meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Island Salem & Dover or Sandwich Quarterly meetings from within the limits of any other Yearly meeting on their making application to such Monthly meeting, and producing such evidence of their right of membership and the settlement of their

outward affairs as is required by said minute"

In consequence of the cutting down and grading of the street upon which our meeting house in Newport stands, we appoint Thos B Gould Levi Chase & George W Carr to take the necessary care with respect to the removal of the earth above the curb stones and the resetting of the ~~curb stones~~ fence &c in front of the house and they are authorised to call on the Treasurer of this meeting for one half of the expense incurred, it having been stated to this meeting by one of the Proprietors of the undivided half part of this house & lot who is now present, ~~that~~ they were united in the conclusion to defray the remaining half part of the expense.

No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island Mon'ly mtg. of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 11th mo 1854.

The clerk of the meeting being absent Levi Chase is appointed clerk for the day.

By an account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Thomas B Gould one of whom is present the other was prevented by indisposition.

There of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting that the attended.

No other business was presented. Levi Chase Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 12 mo 1854. By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Thos B Gould both of whom are present.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held
At Newport the 25th of 1st mo 1855

An account being received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Thos B Gould both of whom are present.

~~There being no business presented the meeting concluded~~ ~~Thos B Gould clerk.~~

~~At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the~~ The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the usual them which are approved & directed to be forwarded with an account to the Quarterly meeting by our friends Levi Lehow & Thos B Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

Thos B Gould Clk.

At Rhode Island Mo. Meting of Friends held at Newport the 22nd of 2nd mo 1855

No account has been received from the Preparative meeting at this time in consequence of that meeting being attended by one member only by reason of indisposition and the inclemency of the weather

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reported that they both attended and produced the following extract from the minutes of that meeting viz— " The committee appointed to examine and "settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes "produced the following report——— which is approved "and Thos C Willcox is accordingly appointed Treasurer "for the year ensueing or until another appointment "and our several Monthly meetings are requested to "pay to him their respective proportions of Two "hundred dollars the sum agreed to be raised "and the clerk is directed to furnish them with "a copy of this minute

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at North Providence the 1st of 2nd mo 1855

Signed Charles Borry Clerk.

And Levi Chase & Thos B Gould are appointed to collect subscriptions for the purpose of paying our proportion of said stock, to report at this meeting when accomplished.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 3rd mo 1855 By an account from the Preparative meeting the rep. are Levi Chase & Thos B Gould both of whom are present.

The comm. appointed to collect subscriptions & not being prepared to report is continued to our next meeting.

The com. appointed in 10th mo. last to do the necessary care in regard to removing the earth above the curb stones & the laying of the same in front of our meeting house & to reported at this time that they had paid same attention to the subject — that one half of the expense of laying the curb stones had been paid by the Proprietors, and the other half by individual Friends, but that there is no money in the Treasury, whereupon Levi Chase was appointed to call upon Friends for contributions towards supplying the necessary amount which may be needed to put the side walk & fence in order & to report at this meeting.

A request was forwarded to us in writing from Rachel S Nichols, by the womens meeting — requesting that she may be admitted into membership with our religious society — with the information that they had appointed a committee

and also desired us to unite with them therein whereupon Henry Gould & Thos B Gould are appointed to take a solid opportunity with her upon the subject of her request, in conjunction with such women friends as may have been appointed, & they are desired to report to our next monthly meeting. No other business.

Thos B Gould Clk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 4th mo 1855

By an account from the preparative mm. the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read and answered at this time according to our present state which answers were directed to be forwarded with an account to the approaching Quarterly mm. by our representatives Thos B Gould & Levi Chase.

The committee appointed at our last meeting in the case of Rachel S Nichols made the following report which was read in from the womens meeting with the information that they had concluded to accept it &c. Viz —

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting held next to be held at Newport.

Dear Friends

We your committee appointed to confer with Rachel S Nichols upon the subject of her request report. That we have had two opportunities with her to good satisfaction, and are united in believing that it will be right to receive her as a member of our religious Society.

Signed on behalf of the committee

Newport the 19th of 4th mo 1855.

Signed { Henry Gould
Hannah Hall

-after a time of solid deliberation thereon it was fully united with and she is accordingly received a member of our religious Society.

The committee appointed to collect subscriptions for the payment of our proportion of Quarterly meeting stock not having succeeded as heretofore, informed that having applied to the Trustees of the Green fund that board had concluded to appropriate twenty five dollars ($25.00) for the purpose, and that the said sum of 25 dollars had been placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this meeting which he is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting and the clerk is directed to insert this information in our account to the Quarterly meeting.

The following communication has been received and read from the meeting for Sufferings &c. —

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford the 4th of 4th mo 1855.

The Subject of making the necessary provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting coming under consideration at this time, - Israel Buffinton, Francis Taber, William Hill Benjamin Gardner, & Thomas R Miller are appointed to that service and they are requested to act in accordance with the views of this meeting as expressed in a minute in relation to the subject in the 4th mo 1853. in which Rhode Island monthly meeting is requested to lend its aid as heretofore, and the clerk is directed to furnish that monthly meeting with a copy of that minute, and the committee are authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting for the amount of the expenditure incurred. Extracted from the minutes

Peleg Mitchell clerk for the time

Whereupon we appoint Henry Gould, Levi Chase & Thomas B Gould, to render said committee such assistance as may be necessary in making provision for the approaching Yearly meeting and the same comm. are requested to provide for Friends horses at that time & report to this meeting when the service is accomplished.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Is. mo. mtg. of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 5 mo 1855.

The clerk being absent Levi Chase is appointed clerk for the day.

No account has been received from the preparation meeting at this time for the reason that it was attended by one Friend only.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reported that they both attended it but had nothing in charge from to this meeting.

No other business

Levi Chase Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Mo. mtg. of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 6 mo 1855

By an account from the Preparation meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Thomas R Gould both of whom are present

The committee appointed in the 4th mo to make provision for the Yearly Mtg. Friends horses &c report that the service is accomplished.

The committee appointed in the 10th mo. last to have the earth removed along & within the curb stones on the side walk, in front of our meeting house lot, reported, it had been done and the side walk covered with gravel to a

proper depth to be laid with bricks or flagging stone and that one half of the expense, which amounted to fifty seven dollars & 75 cts, had been paid by the proprietors of the undevided part of the house and lot :— that 3.75 cts had been contributed by an individual towards the other half and that there remains 25.12 cts now due to the friend who has had charge of the work, which our members are requested to raise by voluntary subscription, and pay to Levi Chase, who was appointed 3rd mo. last to receive the same. He is also desired to report to this meeting next month.

No other business.

Thos B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport 26th of 7th mo 1855.

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Thomas B Gould both of whom are present. The Queries have been read in this meeting, & the 1st second & tenth answered according to our present state, which answers were directed to be forwarded, to the approaching Quarterly meeting, with an account by Henry Gould Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

Levi Chase informed he had paid some attention to the subject of this appointment but was not ready to make a final report, it was continued with him another month.

Our beloved Friend Thos B Gould returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 7th mo. last — to visit the meetings of Friends in some parts of New York, Philadel- Baltimore, and Ohio Yearly meetings, and also of

way should open for it, to attend the last named Yearly meeting, and to appoint meetings amongst those not of our society as Truth might open the way — with the information that he had been enabled to perform the service required of him to the relief and peace of his own mind and so far as appeared to the satisfaction of Friends and others amongst whom his lot was cast. He also produced the following copy of a minute granted him by the last yearly meeting of Friends in New York which has been read in this meeting to its satisfaction and is directed to be recorded.

Minute

To Rhode Island Monthly & Quarterly Meeting.

Dear Friends.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B Gould in the completion of his religious visit within this and some of the neighboring Yearly meetings as expressed in a certificate granted him by Rhode Island Monthly meeting dated the 29th of 7th mo. last 1854, and endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held the 3rd of 8th mo following both expressive of their unity with his ministry and their unity with him in his present religious engagements, attended the several sittings of this meeting, having previously attended a considerable number of meetings within our limits, appointing several amongst those not of our society, in all which, his company religious engagements, & Gospel Services have been to our comfort & edification, much unity and sympathy being felt & expressed with him therein.

By direction and on behalf of this

York Yearly meeting of Friends held on Poplar Ridge by adjournments from the 28th of 5mo to the 30th of the same inclusive. 1855.

Amos Battey Clerk this year
Susannah Hoag Clerk this year

No other business was presented.

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 31st of 8mo 1855.

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase who are present.

One of the representatives to the last Quarterly says informed that they all attended it, and produced the following extracts from the minutes of that meeting with the accompanying extract from the minutes of the Yearly meeting were received and read to our satisfaction & also directed to be recorded.

Viz.

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held Newport the 2nd of 8mo 1855.

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the last Yearly meeting which has been read to our edification and comfort at this time, and the clerk is directed to furnish each of our monthly meetings with a copy thereof.

Charles Peery Clerk

4th day of the week and 13th of the month

"The meeting was deeply exercised under a prevailing "sense of the many weaknesses and deficiencies ex- "isting within our borders and the truly living and "exercised members were brought to feel that there "is much amongst us that calls for close search- -ing of heart.

Powerful & living Testimonies were borne

to the necessity there is, for some making profession with us, to arise & shake themselves as from the dust of the earth, to watch even unto prayer, that so they may be preserved, from the many snares of the enemy, with which we are continually surrounded, and come more fully to realize the necessity of keeping a single eye unto Him who hath called us with a high and holy calling, and who as we look unto him for ability and strength, will enable us to overcome the world, to resist the many temptations of the adversary, and finally as patience is abided in, make us more than conquerors through him. We have indeed been made clearly to realize that the mercies of the Lord have been largely extended ~~towards~~ unto us — a people whom he had designed for his praised and to exalt his standard of Truth & righteousness in the Earth; & for whom way has been made that they might grow and flourish even as plants of his own right hand planting, but some of whom through unwatchfulness and indifference, have suffered themselves to be drawn aside from the right way, thereby bringing reproach upon the blessed cause of Truth, and mourning over the spirits of the living and rightly exercised members, so that some of them have been ready to exclaim it is of the Lords' mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions fail not' and the language of the spirit unto the church hath seemed to be' what could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes brought it forth wild grapes'

Friends were pressingly exhorted to be

more faithful in the maintenance of our christian testimonies, that by an humble consistent walking in all things they might witness a growth in grace, and in the knowledge of the Truth. They were earnestly reminded of the importance of the diligent attendance of all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, & encouraged to greater faithfulness therein 'not forsaking the assembling ourselves together as the manner of some is' but exhorting one another.'

Much weighty counsel & affectionate advice was called forth, in view of the many deficiencies sorrowfully apparent in the answer to the Query in regard to sleeping in our religious meetings, & the mournful language of our blessed Lord to Peter in the garden of Gethsemane was feelingly adverted to "What could ye not watch with me one hour?" 'Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.' And living desires were raised and expressed that all our members, whether present or absent, who have thus brought sorrow upon the church, might seek for help to overcome the prevalent weakness, that by continued watchfulness the designs of the Enemy may be defeated and we may become more firmly built up & established on the alone sure foundation, and that all might be made willing to search Jerusalem as with a lighted candle, that everything that can hurt or lay waste may be removed from among us and our lights be made so to shine amongst men that others seeing our good works may come to glorify our Father who is in Heaven."

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting by

Philip Mitchell Clerk this year.

Levi Chase informed that he had collected $15.50 cents toward the amount now due the Friend who had charge of arranging the ground &c in front of our meeting house, which having been placed in the hands of our Treasurer, he is requested to pay the same to our Friend Joseph Brinton & Levi Chase is desired to lay before Friends the propriety of subscribing a sum sufficient to discharge the debt and to report to this meeting when accomplished.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 9 mo 1855.

By an acc. from the Preparative mee. the representatives are Levi Chase & Thos B Gould one of whom is present.

No other business

Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 10 mo 1855.

An account being received from our Preparative meetings the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The Queries have been in this meeting, and the usual three answered according to our present state, which answers are directed to be forwarded with an account to the next Quarterly mee by Levi Chase and whom we appoint our representatives.

The following minute was received and read at this time to our satisfaction it is directed to be recorded - Viz.

"To Rhode Island Monthly & Quarterly Meetings

Dear Friends — Our beloved Friend

Thomas B Gould attended our last Quarterly meeting with certificates of concurrence from Rhode Island monthly meeting dated the 29th of 7th mo 1854 and endorsed by R.I. Quarterly meeting dated the 8th mo 3rd 1854, he also attended most of the meetings within our limits. His company was acceptable, and his Gospel labours found to be edifying. Signed on behalf of Harrisburg Quarterly meeting of Friends held on Grand Isle 8th of 8th mo 1855.

James Harkness
Sarah Gove } Clerks.

No other business was presented
Thos B Gould Clerk.

At Rhode Island Mo mm of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 11th mo 1855.

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both of whom are present.

One of the representatives to their last Quarterly meeting reported he attended it the other was prevented by indisposition

No other business
Thos B Gould Clerk

At Rhode Island mo. mm. of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 12th mo 1855.

An account being received from the Preparative mm. the representatives are Henry Gould and Thos B Gould who are present.

The following minute was received from our last Quarterly meeting Viz. ——

"At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Fall River 1st of 11th mo 1855 The committee appointed in the 8th month last

to settle the Treasurers account, name a Treasurer and propose a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year report as follows viz. - which is accepted to this meeting and Wm Hill is appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, in Refering to said report, and our monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective Proportions of said sum of one Hundred and fifty dollars to him and the clerk is directed to furnish each of our monthly meetings with a copy of this minute."

Signed Thomas Willett Clerk
for the day

No other business
Thos B Gould Clk

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport 31st of 1st mo 1856
By an account received from the preparative mee the representatives are Levi Chase & Thos B Gould who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual Queries which are directed to be forwarded with an account, to the next Quarterly meeting by Thos B Gould and Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business was presented

Thos B Gould clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 2nd mo 1856

Our beloved Friend Thomas B Gould late clerk of this meeting we appoint Levi Chase clerk for the day.

By an account rec. from the Preparative mee

the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase who are present. One of the representatives to our last Quarterly mee. reported as having attended it.

No other business Levi Chase Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 3rd mo 1856.

We appoint Levi Chase Clerk for the day

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase who are present.

We had no business at this time

Levi Chase Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island mo. meeting of Friends held in Newport the 24th of 4th mo 1856.

This meeting being without a clerk, we appointed Levi Chase to that station for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

By an account from the Preparative mee the representatives are Levi Chase & George W Carr who are present.

The Queries were read in this meeting succeeded by approved answers, which with an account we forward to the approaching Quarterly meeting by Levi Chase Henry Gould & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

Levi Chase who was appointed in the 12th mo last to collect subscriptions for the use of this meeting reports that he has attended thereto, and has received 9 dollars for that object.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting 12 dollars our proportion of Quarterly meeting stock.

A minute was received and read at this time from our meeting for Sufferings held last at New Bedford, requesting the aid as heretofore of this monthly meeting in making provision for the approaching Yearly meeting, whereupon we appoint George W Carr Levi Chase, and Henry Gould for rendering such assistance as may be necessary, and report to this meeting when the service is accomplished.

A Testimony concerning our late beloved Friend Thomas B Gould having been produced and read in this meeting, after being solidly considered it is united with and is directed to be signed by our clerks and forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting.

In consideration of our stripped condition our representatives are requested to bring the subject before the Quarterly meeting, desiring that meeting to take such measures for our assistance as may open for. The clerk is directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes, sign them on our behalf and forward them to the Quarterly meeting.

No other business Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 5mo 1856.

By an account Received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase, who are present.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting informed us that two of them attended The following extract was received from our last Quarterly meeting which is directed to be recorded. Viz ——

"One of the representatives from ~~our last~~
"Rhode Island monthly meeting informs that
"~~at their last~~ it was concluded to bring
"the stripped situation of that meeting to
"the notice of the Quarterly meeting desiring
"that such assistance as it may deem nec
"ful should be extended in the case, wher
"upon we appoint our Friends Othniel Foster
"William Hill, George C Kenyon, Israel Buf
"finton, Miller Chase and Harvey Chase to
"attend that monthly meeting as way may
"open for it, and render such assistance as
"they may be enabled, for the upholding of
"Truths testimonies therein and report to the
"meeting from time to time as occasion may
"require"

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode
Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held
at East Greenwich 1st of 5th mo 1856.

Charles Perry Clerk.

Two of the Quarterly meetings committee are
acceptably with us at this time.
No other business was presented at this time

Levi Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends
held at Newport the 26th of 6mo 1856.

By an account from the Preparative
meeting the representatives are Henry Gould
& Levi Chase who are present.

The committee appointed to assist in mak-
ing provision for the late Yearly meeting reported
attention to the subject, it is continued under
their care another month.

One of the Quarterly meetings committee is accep-
tably with us.

111 Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 7th mo 1856

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual Item which answers with and account we forward to our next Quarterly meeting by Henry Gould George W Carr & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee continued from last month reported the business accomplished under their care the Bills paid &c. Two of the representatives report they attended the Quarterly meeting.

Two of the Quarterly meetings committee are acceptably with us at this time. No other business

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 8th mo 1856

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that two of them attended.

Two of the Quarterly meetings committee are acceptably with us at this time.

No other business presented.

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 9th mo 1856.

By an account from the Preparative meeting

the representatives are George W Carr & Henry Gould who are present.

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 30th of 10 mo 1856.
By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & Henry Gould who are present.
The Queries have been read with approved answers to the usual three, which with an account are directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting by our Friends Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives. One of the Quarterly meetings committee is with us at this time.
No other business was presented
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 11th mo 1856.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase both of whom are present.
One of the representatives to our last Quarterly informs that one of them attended but had nothing in charge to this meeting.
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 12 mo 1856.
By an account received at this time from our preparative meeting it appears the representatives are Henry Gould & Levi Chase who are present.
Not any other business at this time.
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 1st mo 1857.

No account is received from the Preparative meeting, it having been omitted on account of the severity of the weather.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual Three which are directed to be forwarded with an account to the Quarterly meeting by Levi Chase & Henry Gould whom we appoint our representatives.

Joseph Brinton has at this time presented the following ~~minute~~ certificate from Sadsbury monthly meeting of Friends held at West Sadsbury, Lancaster County Pennsylvania which has been read in this meeting, and is received and is directed to be recorded.

Viz

To Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends.

Joseph Brinton having resided for some time within ~~the~~ limits of your meeting requested our certificate to join him thereto. The needful enquiry has been made, and no obstruction appears, therefore we recommend him a member of our religious Society to your Christian Care and notice and are your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Sadsbury monthly meeting of Friends held on the 6th day of the 1st mo 1857.

Lancaster Co Pennsylvania

Truman Cooper Clerk.

Joseph Cooper

Correspondent.

No other business was presented at this time

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 26th of 2nd mo 1857.

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould and Joseph Brinton both of whom are present.
The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting inform that one of them attended.
One of the Quarterly meeting committee is acceptably with us at this time.

No other business was presented
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 3rd mo 1857.
The clerk being absent Joseph Brinton is appointed clerk for the day.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are George W Carr and Joseph Brinton both of whom are present.

The following minute was received from our Quarterly meeting held at Fall River in the 11th month last, which was read & directed to be recorded, and George W Carr and Joseph Brinton are appointed to collect subscriptions for the purpose of paying our proportion of Quarterly meeting stock and are desired to report to this meeting.

Minute

"The committee appointed in the 8th mo last to examine and settle the Treasurers account & for other purposes produced the following report which being acceptable to the meeting William Hill is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensueing year; and our General monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of one hundred & fifty dollars

The sum agreed to be raised, and the clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this minute and the apportionment now concluded upon to wit

Rhode Island & Mo Mee	8	per cent
Swanzey — — — —	42	" "
South Kingston " "	24	" "
Providence " "	26	" "

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Hall River 6th of 11th mo 1856.

Charles Perry Clerk.

Our Proportion this year is 12 dollars.

One of the Quarterly meetings committee is acceptably with us at this time. No other business.

Joseph Brinton Clerk pro tem

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 4 mo 1857

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Henry Gould & Joseph Brinton who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers, which are directed to be forwarded to our approaching Quarterly meeting, with an account, by Henry Gould Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed to collect subscriptions, report the service accomplished, and our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of 12 dollars to the Treasurer of the Quarterly mo.

Two of the Quarterly meeting committee are acceptably with us.

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 5mo 1857.

By an account from the Preparative mee. the representatives are Joseph Brinton & Levi Chase who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting re-port that one of them attended.

A minute has been received & read from our meeting for Sufferings. Viz—

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Mus. Bedford the 1st of 4mo 1857.

Israel Buffinton, Wm Hill, Benja-min Tucker, Levi Chase and Benjamin Gardner are appointed to make the neces-sary provision for the approaching yearly-meeting, & Rhode Island Monthly meeting is requested to lend its aid as heretofore, and the committee is authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting for the amount of the expense incurred.

The clerk is directed to furnish R.I. monthly meeting with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes & signed on behalf of the meeting by

Paley Mitchell clerk for the day

Whereupon we appoint Joseph Brinton & George W Carr to render such assistance as may be required & report to this meeting when an completed.

The subject of our liveliness in making all the necessary Records of marriages Births deaths burials &c coming before this meeting it was concluded to appoint Joseph Brinton recording clerk for this meeting.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 6mo 1857.

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Joseph Brinton and Levi Chase both of whom are present.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 30th of 7mo 1857.

By an account received from the preparative meeting the representatives are Joseph Brinton & Levi Chase who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual three which we forward to the Quarterly meeting, with an account by Levi Chase, Joseph Brinton, & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed to assist in providing for the late yearly meeting has reported the service accomplished & the bills all paid.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 27th of 8th mo 1857

By an account from the Preparative mee. the representatives are Levi Chase and Joseph Brinton who are present.

No other business

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 24th of 9 mo 1857

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & George W Carr who are present.

 Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held
in Newport the 29th of 10 mo 1857.

By an account from the preparative meeting
the representatives are Levi Chase & George W Carr
who are present. The Queries have been read
in this meeting with approved answers to the
usual Ones which were directed to be forwar-
-ded with an account to the Quarterly meeting
by Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint
our representatives.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held
in Newport the 26th of 11th mo 1857

By an account received from our Preparat
-ive meeting the representatives are Levi Chase
& Jos Brinton who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly
meeting report that one of them attended.

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends
held in Newport the 31st of 12 mo 1857.

By an account from the Preparative representatives
are Joseph Brinton & Levi Chase who are present

No other business at this time

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friend held
in Newport the 28th of 1st mo 1858.

By an account received from the Preparat-
-ive meeting the representatives are Joseph Brinton
and Levi Chase who are both present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with approved answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th which

which, with an account we forward to the next Quarterly meeting by our Friends Joseph Brinton & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

The following minute was received from our last Quarterly meeting viz —

"The committee appointed at our last
"Quarterly meeting to examine & settle
"the treasurers account & for other purposes
"presented the following report ——
"which is satisfactory, and Wm Hill
"is accordingly appointed ~~treasurer~~ for
"the year ensuing. Our several monthly
"meetings are requested to forward to
"him their respective proportions of one
"hundred and fifty dollars the amount
"agreed to be raised, and the clerk is
directed to furnish them with a copy
of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Fall River the 5th of 11th mo 1857. Charles Perry Clerk.

Proportion of Rhode Island & present $12.00.

The subject of appointing a clerk for the preparative meeting, coming before us at this time we are united in proposing the name of Joseph Brinton for that service. He is accordingly appointed.

No other business presented

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 5th of 2nd mo 1858.

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & Joseph Brinton who are present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting inform that they both attended.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 25th of 3 mo 1858.

By an account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase and Jos Brinton who are present.

No other business.

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 29th of 4 mo 1858.

There is no account from the Preparative meeting at this time.

The queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers, which with an account we forward to our Quarterly meeting by Jos Brinton & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

Joseph Brinton who was appointed for the service reports that he has collected $12.00 the amount required & our Treasurer is directed to pay it to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting.

An extract was received at this time from the meeting for sufferings requesting the aid of this meeting as heretofore in making provision for the approaching Yearly meeting. We accordingly appoint George W Carr & Jos Brinton to render such aid as may be necessary.

No further business was presented

Joseph Brinton assistant Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends

held in Newport the 29th of 5mo 1858.

By an account from the preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & George W Carr one of whom is present.

The representatives to the last Quarterly meeting report that both of them attended and there is nothing from that meeting to this.

No other business presented

Joseph Brinton assistant Clk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 24th of 6mo 1858

No account has been received from the Preparative meeting at this time.

The committee appointed to provide for the Yearly meeting inform, they are not ready to make a final report at this time

No other business presented.

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 29th of 7mo 1858

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are George W Carr & Levi Chase one of whom is present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the same which are directed to be forwarded with an account to the approaching Quarterly meeting by Joseph Brinton & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee appointed to provide for the last Yearly Meeting reported the business accomplished under their care.

Nothing else to engage our attention

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 26th of 8mo 1858.

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & Joseph Brinton both of whom are present.

No other business

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 30th of 9mo 1858.

By an account from the Preparative meeting the representatives are from that meeting is George W Carr who is present.

Our Friend Joseph Brinton having Expressed in this meeting a concern to accompany our Friend Nathan Page in his proposed visit amongst Friends and others within the limits of New York Yearly meeting of Friends, — after a time of solid deliberation it was united with and he is incouraged to pursue his prospect as way may open, he being a member in unity with us. And the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf in conjunction with the clerk of the women's meeting.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 25th of 10 mo 1858.

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives are Levi Chase & George W Carr both of whom are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the usual Three which were directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly meeting, with an account by Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business at present.

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 25th of 11th mo 1858

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present. One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reports that one of them attended, but had nothing in charge to this meeting.

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 30th of 12 mo 1858.

By an account from the Preparative meeting it appears Joseph Brinton is appointed representative to this meeting, who is present.

We have received at this time the following minute from our last Quarterly meeting held at Fall River, viz. " The committee appointed to examine & settle the Treasurers account & for other purposes made the following report, which is satisfactory, and Wm Hill is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year ensueing, our several monthly meetings are requested to pay over to him their respective proportions of one hundred dollars and fifty dollars the sum proposed to be raised and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island

Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Fall River the 4th of 11th mo 1845.

and we appoint our friends Joseph Brinton and George W Carr to receive contributions towards our proportion of Quarterly meeting stock as therein requested.

Our Friend Joseph Brinton having at this time returned his certificate, granted him in the 9th month last, with endorsements from Yearly Meeting held at Lincoln, Vermont, and Hector monthly meeting held at Hector in the state of New York, and he giving an account of his visit which is satisfactory, they were directed to be recorded.

[Both of these certificates or minutes of endorsement were lost when I came to make these records; but may remark the endorsement at Yearly Meeting seemed to be done in a stereotype way, while [illegible] was done in the midst of great confusion & appeared. The clerk & one other individual & two being present to us; or it would not have been done. Joseph Brinton records]

Levi Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 29th of 1st mo 1859.

By an account from the Preparative mee. the representative to this meeting is Jos Brinton who is present. All of the Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the usual Items which we consider descriptive of our present state and are directed to be forwarded with an account by George W Carr & Joseph Brinton whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business at this time

Jos Brinton assistant Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 26th of 2 mo 1859.

There has been no account received from the Preparative meeting at this time.
The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting reported that both of them were there but had nothing in charge from that meeting to this.

Jos Brinton assistant Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held in Newport the 31st of 3 mo 1859.

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

No other business

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting held [illegible] the 28th of 4 mo 1859.

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.
The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers which are directed to be forwarded to our approach

ing Quarterly Meeting by our Friends George H Carr & Levi Chase
[illegible] appointed [illegible].
One of the committee appointed to collect subscriptions to pay
our proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock informed that he has
collected twelve dollars, and our treasurer is directed to pay
it over to our Quarterly Meetings treasurer.
A minute has been received at this time [illegible]
for sufferings held at New Bedford the 6th & 7th of the present
month requesting the assistance of this [illegible]
sial in making provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting
and we appoint Joseph Brinton and George H Carr to lend the
necessary aid and report to a future meeting when the service
is accomplished. There was no other business
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport
the 26th of 5mo 1859.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting the
representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.
One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting informs
that they both attended it but had nothing in charge from
it to this meeting.
Friends have united at this time to change the time of hold-
ing our week day meeting on Yearly Meeting week, so that
it shall commence at ten oclock it being deemed equally
and more for the convenience of many Friends who usually
attend meeting at that time. No other business.
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting held [illegible]
the 30 of 6 mo 1859.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting the
representative is Levi Chase who is present.
[illegible] appointed to [illegible]
Yearly Meeting reported the business had been accomplished.
From the representation of Dover it is our concern that

that the late hour at which our meeting for worship was [illegible] it be [illegible] and inconvenient, we have considered the subject for some time and now agree with the women's monthly meeting to change the hour of meeting to 10 o'clock until the first of the next 9th month. No other business presented.

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island monthly meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 7th mo 1859.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

The Queries have been read with [illegible] and tenth which were approved and are directed to be forwarded with an account to our approaching Quarterly meeting [illegible] Friends Levi Chase & Joseph Brinton whom we appoint [illegible] representatives.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts and forward them to the Quarterly meeting.

There was no other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 8mo 1859.

By an account received from the Preparative meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting informing that they had attended.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 9mo 1859

By an account from the Preparative Meeting the representative Joseph Brinton who is present [illegible]

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting held at [illegible]
the 27th of 10 mo 1859.
No account has been received from the Preparative Meeting
at this time.
The Queries have been read with answers to the most essential
and truth which were approved and directed to be forwarded
with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting &
our Friends Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint
our representatives. No other business presented
Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible]
the 24th of 11th mo 1859
By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the
representative [illegible] Chase who is present.
One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform-
med this meeting they both attended.
[illegible]
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible]
the 29th of 12 mo 1859.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting
the representative is Joseph Blinton who is present
No other business.
Levi Chase clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible]
the 26th of 1st mo 1860
By an account received from the Preparative meeting the
representation is Levi Chase who is present.
The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved
answers to the usual three which were directed to be for-
warded [illegible]
by our Friends Levi Chase & Joseph Blinton whom we appoint
our representatives. No other business Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Newport the 23rd of 2nd mo 1860
No account is received from the Preparative meeting
One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting is
informed that one of them attended it.

No other business presented.

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Newport the 29th of 3rd mo 1860.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting
the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

No other business was presented.

Levi Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Newport the 26th of 4 mo 1860
By an account received from the Preparative meeting
the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present
The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers
which we consider description of our present state which
we forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting with an
account by our friends Levi Chase and Joseph Brinton
whom we appoint our representatives.
A minute was received at this time from the meeting for
Sufferings requesting our assistance as usual in making
provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting. We accordingly
appoint our friends Levi Chase and Joseph Brinton to render
such aid as may be necessary and to report to this meeting
when the business is accomplished.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newp
the 31st of 5 mo 1860.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting held

[illegible] is granted [illegible] to attend
One of the Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that he
was [illegible] attended. No other business was presented
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at this place
the 28th of 6mo 1860.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting the repre-
sentative is Joseph Brinton who is present.
We have the company of Caleb Gregg at this time with
a certificate [illegible] from
[illegible] Iowa the 20th of 4th mo 1860, endorsed by Salem
[illegible] held at [illegible] from the 21st to the [illegible]
his colors are acceptable to some of us. (The clerk was
requested to furnish him with a minute expressive of
such which he did.) No other business presented
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held
the 30th of 6mo 1860.
By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the repre-
sentative is Joseph Brinton who is present.
The Quarterly Meeting Committee [illegible]
[illegible] minutes which were approved and directed to be sent
to an account of the approaching Quarterly Meeting of our
friends George H Carr & Joseph Brinton whom we appoint our
[illegible] Representatives. No other business presented
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held
the 30th of 8mo 1860.
By an account from the Preparative Meeting the represen-
tative is Joseph Brinton who is present.
One of the Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that
he attended. The [illegible] minute [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting [illegible]

the bills paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.
The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired the subject of another appointment has engaged our attention and it is concluded to appoint Levi Chase as our Treasurer for the year ensueing or until another appointment. No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 9 mo 1860.

No account had been received from the Preparative meeting.

no other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 10 mo 1860.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

the Report has been read in this meeting and ordered to be recorded & Epistle when approved and is directed to be forwarded with an account to our next Yearly Meeting to our friends from Ohio & Indiana Yearly Meeting & our friends to [illegible]

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29 of 11 mo. 1860.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Sarah B. Rivington who is present

the Epistle to our last Yearly Meeting was read. Report was approved as it.

no other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport R. I. 27th of 12 mo. 1860.

No account has been received from the Preparation meeting at this time. No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 31st of 1mo. 1861 at Newport.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

The Epistles have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual Nos which were approved and directed to be forwarded with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Joseph Brinton & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 2nd mo 1861.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting not to they both attended.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 4 mo 1861.

No account has been received from the Preparative Meeting.

The Epistles were read in this meeting and answers to the usual Nos, which with an account were directed to be forwarded to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Levi Chase & George H Carr whom we appoint our representatives.

The usual minutes [illegible]

Meeting for Sufferings held in Newport the 4th of this month asking the aid of this Monthly Meeting in making provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting we accordingly appoint Levi Chase & George W. Carr to render such assistance as is needed to report to this meeting when the business is accomplished.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 5mo. 1861.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that none of them attended. No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 6mo. 1861.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Barker who is present.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 7mo. 1861.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is George W. Carr who is present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting & answered except the 4th & 5th which are forwarded with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends George W. Carr & Joseph Barker who are appointed representatives. No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 8mo 1861.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the Representative is George H Corr who is present.

One of the committy appointed to assist in providing for the Last Qrs Meeting, reports that all of the bills have been paid.

A bill has been presented for repairs on the Meeting House to the amount of $9.10. Friends are requested to pay their respective portions of this amount into the hands of our Treasurer.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 7mo 1861.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

No other busines presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 31st of 10 mo. 1861.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase and Joseph Brinton.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with approved answers to the usual three which are directed to be forwarded with an account to the next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Fall River by our friends Levi Chase and Joseph Brinton whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 11 mo. 1861

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representatives is Joseph Brinton who is present.

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they both attended but had nothing in charge from that Meeting to this. No other busines Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 12 mo 1861

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

No other business was presented.

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 1st mo 1862

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the usual time which were approved & directed to be forwarded with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Brinton & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives. No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 2 mo. 1862.

By an account Rec'd from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

One of the Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports that nothing from attended. No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 3 mo. 1862.

No account has been received from the Preparative Meeting at this time. No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 24th of 4 mo 1862.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

The Queries have been read in the Meeting with answers

which were approved and directed to be forwarded with an account of the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Levi Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our Representatives We have received the usual minute from the Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford the 2nd of the present month we accordingly appoint Levi Chase & George W Carr to render the usual assistance in providing for the approaching Yearly Meeting, & report to this meeting when the business is accomplished.

No other business presented

Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held as per
the 29th of 5mo 1862.
By an account received from the Preparative Meeting
is Joseph Brinton who is present.
One of the representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting reported
that both of them attended.

No other business presented
Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held as per
the 26 of 6mo 1862.
No account has been received from the Preparative Meeting
at this time. No other business was presented
Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held as per
the 31st of 7th mo 1862.
By an account received from the Preparative Meeting
representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.
The Queries have been read with answers to the usual three
which are approved and directed to be sent with an account
for the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our Friends
Chase & George W Carr whom we appoint our representatives.
The committee appointed to provide for the next Yearly Meeting
reports the business accomplished & the bills paid. Levi Chase Clk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 8 mo. 1862.

By an account Rec. from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

One of the Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reported that they both attended.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 10 mo 1862

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representation is George H Carr who is present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first & second & tenth which were approved and directed to be sent with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Levi Chase & Joseph Brinton whom we appoint our representatives:

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 27th of 11 mo 1863.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representation is Joseph Brinton who is present.

One of the representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting reported that they both attended.

No other business was presented

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 25th of 12 mo 1862

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the Representative is Levi Chase who is present.

No other business presented

Levi Chase Clk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 1st mo 1863.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representation is Levi Chase who is present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second & tenth which we believe nearly describes our present state, and are directed to be forwarded, with an account to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends George W. Carr & Levi Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

No other business was presented
Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 2 mo 1863.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present. One of the representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that both of them attended.

No other business presented
Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 26th of 3 mo 1863.

No account has been received from the Preparative Meeting at this time. Levi Chase clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 28th of 4 mo 1863.

By an account Rec'd from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Joseph Brinton who is present.

The usual minute has been received from the Meeting for sufferings held in New Bedford this month, requesting the care of this Monthly Meeting in providing for the approaching Yearly Meeting. We accordingly appoint Joseph Brinton for that purpose requesting him to report when the business is accomplished.

the Rules have been read in this Meeting with
unanimous relief we consider ourselves called upon to express
our present State and forward them to our approaching
Quarterly Meeting with an acc[illegible] by our friends
Levi Chase & Joseph Brinton whom we appoint our
representatives.

No other business presented
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Newport the 28th of 5mo 1863.
By an account received from the Preparative Meeting
the representation is four: Portsmouth is found:
One of the representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting reports
that it, [illegible] and had no business from that
meeting to this. No other business presented
Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held
at Newport the 25th of 6mo. 1863.
By an account received from the Preparative meeting,
the representative is Levi Chase who is present.
The friend appointed in fourth month last to assist in
providing for the Yearly Meeting reports the bills all paid.
It is thought well at the present time to make
a short minute noticing the Separation that
has just taken place in our midst.
For several years past a spirit of defection has
manifested itself in the great portion of the Yearly
Meeting, which has gradually been laying waste
the most precious testimonies which preserved us
built us up as a people and gave us a true Gloriously
building even in Christ, who told us if there was
any commandment greater than the rest – it was
this to love the brethren – for inasmuch as ye do
not receive the least of these ye do not receive

me. The body of this Yearly Meeting that even through one pretence and another rejected the little ones of Christs Kingdom — our brethren of like small Yearly Meetings & heaping many false accusations upon them to the great grief and burden of a few amongst us who feel bound in the same bundle of Life with them. At this Yearly Meeting held the last week the oppression and little wife became more intolerable than ever before and our clerk Peleg Mitchell not being allowed to make minutes in accordance with what he believed to be the mind of Truth, finally was constrained to inform the meeting that he could not conscientiously serve that body any longer in his present capacity. Subsequently a little remnant (most of whom see eye to eye but some of their enemies went with them through policy) met alone and their opposers met alone.

This separation has made us of this Monthly Meeting additionally feel our weakness & deeper love and considering the cause as not of man we feel encouraged to continue to hold our meetings believing that the Lord can work by Paul as well as by many, if the few are dedicated entirely to the Lord.

We also desire to claim your attention as ancient

Levi Chase Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 30th of 7mo 1863.

By the account received from our Representative meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

We have upon it taken it into serious consideration the propriety of renewing the appointment of Clerk of this meeting the same incumbent having served a number of years without any attention being bestowed on the matter and we have believed it best to appoint Joseph Brown Clerk

of this meeting for the present meeting & until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual Three which we consider descriptive of our present State.

There has been received at this time a minute from New England Yearly Meeting of men & women Friends held at Newport by adjournments the 16th 17th & 18th of the first month inclusive of the present year signed by Peleg Mitchell clerk. as follows.

..... At a meeting of men & women friends held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments 16th 17th & 18th day of the 1st Mo. 1863.

The following minute was produced and read and after a season of solid deliberation was approved by the meeting.

Viz. Under a deep and abiding sense of the responsible situation in which we are now placed, as a body of Friends, we feel it incumbent upon us to enter on record some account of the causes & exercises which have contributed to our present position; and in order to do this some reference appears to be necessary to the unregenerate and superficial standing of many under our name who, as we apprehend, are not sufficiently acquainted with that Spirit & Power which would lead to a true judgement in things pertaining to the church.

Views in the natural extent of the creature, have from time to time, and for the last four years especially, taken up their habitation in the seat of judgement, by which it has been turned away backward, justice has fallen in the streets and equity could not enter; grevity & the grief & burthen of such as we apprehend are living members of the church.

The effect of this spirit was made openly manifest on the morning of the 3d day of the week of the last Quarterly meeting held at Rose Ridge in the year 1859.

A large propotion of that days acting from prejudice and the affectionate part arising from the ties of consanguinity as we believe, opposed the reception of this token of Gospel fellowship, expressing equal attachment to a body of separatists, who in our judgment had laid waste the Testimonies of Truth, and gone off from that meeting. Friends whose eyes were anointed to see that it was best to continue to receive the Epistle from the legitimate Yearly Meeting of New York gave their judgement to this effect: but after the subject had been considered in the main it was referred to a committee; the committee not uniting in judgement respecting it, it came again before the Yearly Meeting; and was referred to the Meeting for sufferings with no better result.

Again and again has the subject claimed our consideration, and the effort to extend the right hand of fellowship to our distant brethren has been turned aside with clamor, and many bitter reproaches both upon them & upon ourselves, under which true judgement, as has been alluded to before, has not been suffered to prevail.

This sad falling short on the part of some and gross departure with others from the true ground of our profession has increased to a great extent, & justly manifesting discord with all of that sect with which we have corresponded, and who are we know of our bone and flesh of our flesh.

It was under deep and painful exercise that we came to this annual assembly, fervently desiring that we might be favored with clearness to see what course to pursue, under our trials, and bestowments, that would tend to the honor of Truth.

On entering upon the business of this Yearly Meeting the same spirit manifested itself in the way and manner which has been before spoken of, objections

being made to the reception of all of the Epistles from our distant Brethren & Sisters, and especially from the General Meeting of Friends held at Hallsington Pa, and from New York Yearly Meeting held at Pipe Ridge: Several hours having elapsed during the consideration of the latter, being sorrowfully impressed with the conviction that the Meeting for several years had not been, and could not be held to the honor of Truth and the promotion of the Cause: And this being the case of the body constituting what was the Yearly Meeting of Friends of New England, the Clerk Ruth Mitchell was constrained to make the declaration at that time, that he could not conscientiously serve as clerk to that body any longer; hereon this position having the near sympathy and unity of those Friends who are endeavoring to stand in their measures for the Law & the Testimony against the separating spirit which has so sorrowfully prevailed. Therefore the meeting was adjourned & a minute made by the assistant clerk, who is a partizan with those who have so long rejected the care and exercise of Friends.

The steps which Friends had taken hitherto were entered without premeditation & under much individual contribution of spirit, we were concerned to enquire what the Lord would have us further to do for the promotion of his cause in the Earth.

Dwelling under this solicitude it seemed best for men and women Friends to assemble together to wait upon the Lord, and to confer together as to what was best to be done in our trying situation and under a covering of solemnity which prevailed we were united in judgment that it would be unsafe to again meet with that disorderly people.

Extracted from the minutes by direction and on behalf of the meeting by

Benj Mitchell Clerk.

which was united with and directed to be recorded.

The subject of reappointment of Overseer coming before us at this time on the minutes of the Preparative meeting Joseph Brinton one of the committee reported the name of Levi Chase as a suitable person for that station: which is united with and he is accordingly appointed for the year ensueing or untill another appointment.

No other business presented at this time

Joseph Brinton clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 8 mo 1863

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

There being no other business to engage our attention we conclude.

Joseph Brinton Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 24th of 9 mo 1863.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting it appears that Levi Chase is representative who is present.

There has been received at this time from Women Friends a written request from Mary H Howland to become a member of this Monthly Meeting, with the information that it is received and united with by that Meeting. On careful deliberation we also unite with it and with receiving her as a member of this Mo. Meeting; the circumstance of the great defection in Eastward Monthly Meeting preventing her from getting a certificate in the usual way from that meeting

to this she being well known amongst us as a consistent Friend.

No other business came before us.

Joseph Brinton Clk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 29th of 10 mo 1863.

By an account received from the Preparative Meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present.

From request of Joseph Brinton and Mary H Haviland, to enable them to publish their intention of marriage, she being at present unable to leave the house from indisposition, we adjourn this meeting to the residence of Lydia Ann Gould women Friends meeting with us herein.

Met according to adjournment.

Agreeably to information received from the Preparative Meeting Joseph Brinton & Mary H Haviland appeared in this meeting & declared their intentions of marriage with each other, and Levi Chase is appointed to inspect his proceedings & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with deliberation answers to the same made.

In consideration of our Quarterly Meeting for business not being sustained since the separation in the 6th month last, it is the mind of Friends that a record be kept in our Monthly Meeting book of records, of the answers to the Queries adopted at this time, after the answers adopted prior to the time of holding the last Quarterly Meeting. Viz ——

Answer to first Query for the present month.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held with the exception of one for

worship; the hour nearly observed; Friends appear to be nearly preserved from sleeping — no other unbecoming behaviour to notice.

Answer to 2d Query.

Love and unity mostly maintained, no detraction or differences that we know of.

Answer to 10th Query

Friends feel some care to deal with offenders as queried after, but through the smallness of our numbers and the decreasing [illegible] has been no placing of judgement for many years past.

Answers for eighth month.

First,

All of our meetings for religious worship, and discipline have been attended except two by reason of the absence of Levi Chase & Joseph Brinton at Nantucket during which they believed it was their duty to go, and the children not being sufficiently alive to the importance thereof did not sustain the meetings; the hour nearly observed; Friends are mostly preserved from sleep, and are clear of other unbecoming behaviour therein.

Second,

Love and unity is in a good degree maintained no detraction or differences among us.

Tenth,

A degree of care rests on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders as Queried after and to place judgement according to our Discipline.

Joseph Brinton has requested at this time that our Monthly Meeting be informed of his candidate from the moral turpitude of not being it; to enable him to obtain a [illegible] and have considered his proposition and deem the reasons there for sufficient, and unity the unit of [illegible]

Women Meeting therein we adjourn to meet two weeks from the present time, No other business presenting which we can relate

Joseph Brinton Clerk.

At an adjournment of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 12th of 11th mo 1863.

Levi Chase who was appointed at our last Meeting to inspect the clearness of Joseph Brinton to proceed in marriage with Mary H Howland reports that he is satisfied therein and he is set at liberty to accomplish his prospect, and we appoint Levi Chase to attend the marriage to see that it is conducted in an orderly and solemn manner according to our Discipline and as becomes the Truth.

As our Preparative Meeting falls on the next usual week day meeting, it is deemed advisable to appoint a meeting for the accomplishment of the marriage on the day previous, Fourth day at two o'clock in the afternoon. Joseph Brinton has also made request that it be held at the house of Lydia Ann Gould as the convenience and disposition of his friend Mary H Howland might render it unsafe for her to be taken to the meeting house. On careful deliberation Women Friends unite with us in making the appointment at the house of Lydia Ann Gould.

No other business presenting we adjourn to meet at the usual time & place if the Lord permits

Joseph Brinton Clerk.

At Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 26th of 11th mo 1863.

By an account received from the Preparative

meeting the representative is Levi Chase who is present. Levi Chase reports that he attended the marriage of our friend Joseph Brinton and that it was accomplished soberly and according to the good order used among us, and that his certificate is duly recorded in the Monthly Meetings book for that purpose.

As two Friends have for a long time constituted this monthly meeting, and one of them proposing to remove for a time beyond its limits it is cause of solicitude to us how the meetings for business shall hereafter be kept up if indeed the Divine purpose be thus toward them; and we have concluded to propose to our women friends to sit down with them to wait together upon the Lord for direction in our trial. They united with us herein and after waiting together for a season the judgement seemed to prevail that there is no cause for discouragement but as the clean handed among us keep single in heart, eyeing the Lord for the promotion of his cause a blessing will come upon such. and that he has a work for some to do in this place, and that he is able to work by few as well as by many, and that it will be well for men and women friends to meet hereafter as one Preparative and one Monthly Meeting, the records of the transactions of the Monthly Meeting to be kept, if friends choose both in the mens and also in the womens book for records.

We have unity with the purport of the above and accordingly adjourn this meeting to be held with women friends at the usual time and place next month if the Lord permits.

Joseph Brinton Clerk